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Airfield homes in doubt after firm rejects offer for its land

Villagers encouraged by decision

By Eva Astreinidou

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build 3,000 homes on Chalgrove Airfield have been thrown into doubt after a company turned down an offer to give up its land.

Martin Baker has a lease for the site until 2063 and says it has plans for expansion and does not wish to amend the terms of its lease to accommodate housing.

The company, which makes ejector seats, has rejected the offer from land owner the Homes and Communities Agency.

The homes have been included in South Oxfordshire District Council's Local Plan as part of the authority's contribution to Oxford's unmet housing need, but have been met with strong opposition over congestion and fears it would destroy the area.

Campaigners fighting against the proposals wrote more than 700 letters to the CEO of Martin Baker.

Paul Boone, chairman of SHIELD, an action group fighting to protect the area from the development project, said: "People in the village were able to write to someone and simply express their feelings and for the first time, they have been listened to."

"It is encouraging to hear that [Martin Baker] are also concerned

with the deliverability of the site, and the potential impact on their business – points that we have made to SODC many times."

Now, SODC are waiting for HCA to confirm what they intend to do with the site.

SODC councillor for Chalgrove, David Turner, said the agency could potentially use a Compulsory Purchase Order to bring forward the homes, but added: "We trust that the HCA will not attempt to apply for [an] order given the overwhelming evidence that this would be a very bad and unjustifiable scheme."

"The site is in an unsustainable, very rural area and would destroy the fantastic village community of Chalgrove."

A spokesperson for SODC said: "We are waiting for the HCA to confirm their future intentions for the site, following their recent negotiations with their tenant Martin Baker."

"In the meantime we are compiling the comments received on our forthcoming local plan during the formal consultation carried out in November last year."

On Monday, a spokesperson for HCA said they would be in a position to issue a statement about Chalgrove later this week. No statement has been received as we went to press.



Pupils take pride in their environment

SCHOOLCHILDREN have taken it upon themselves to help clear up and pick up litter where they live.

Each week, Year 8/9 pupils from Wallingford School go out to tidy up and have built their own composter, pictured above.

On Wednesday morning, they visited Westgate House care

home to carry on the good work.

A spokesperson from the school said: "The community projects scheme offers a pivotal link between students and the community. Over the past few years, there have been significant benefits for all parties involved in this initiative."

"Not only has the community been able to visually acknowledge the support and help of the Wallingford School students but the students themselves have extended their skills outside of the classroom while taking great responsibility and gaining pride in their environment."

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The cup that cheers

VOLUNTEERS were out in force to turn around Blue Monday using the restorative powers of a cup of tea.

Teams from Banbury and Oxford Samaritans offered passengers at the train stations a brew and help connect them on what is believed to be the most depressing day of the year - January 15.

A YouGov survey for the charity, which helps people who are going through a difficult time, revealed eight out of 10 people believe getting together for tea and a talk makes them feel better.



Firefighters on standby to deliver school meals

By George Welch

THE county council is rallying its workers - including firefighters - following the collapse of one of the country's biggest facilities management companies.

Firefighters could be called upon to hand out school meals after Carillion, which provided school meals at 90 schools to 18,000 pupils across the county, went bust.

Oxfordshire County Council put the precautionary measure in place, pledging that children would be fed regardless and that all staff would be paid.

Alexandra Bailey, the council's director for property, assets and investment, said on Monday: "We expect school staff will be in work as normal today but if this doesn't happen

we will provide school lunches to schools needing support and the fire service are on standby to deliver them.

"We are confident no child will go hungry at school."

She added: "We thank schools for their support and understanding as we deal with the situation.

"I'd also like to thank staff for continuing to do a great job during a period of uncertainty and to reassure them that the county council will ensure staff are paid."

The council, which said it was already preparing for Carillion's collapse, has now taken full control of school services while the six main suppliers of school meals in the county will continue supplying schools.

Around 250 catering and cleaning staff employed by Carillion are used by the county council.

Most of the council's contracts with

Carillion are being transferred back in-house after its 10-year contract with the company was cut short last July.

Some subcontracted services were due to continue until March 31, including the delivery of school dinners, cleaning services and facilities management.

Carillion went into liquidation after talks between the firm, its lenders and the government broke down over the weekend.

Chairman of Carillion Philip Green said: "This is a very sad day for Carillion, for our colleagues, suppliers and customers that we have been proud to serve over many years.

"It is with the deepest regret that we have arrived at this decision.

"We understand that HM Government will be providing the necessary funding to maintain the public services carried on by Carillion staff, subcontractors and suppliers."

Crackdown on drugs: more police in city

EXTRA police on 'reassurance patrols' will be on duty as a month-long crackdown on drug dealing in Oxford city centre gets under way.

Officers will carry out a series of 'high visibility targeted patrols' aimed at halting deals and reassuring local residents.

Supported by extra officers and working alongside Oxford City Council, neighbourhood teams will seek to identify and arrest offenders.

Improved lighting, installing CCTV and cutting back foliage will also be considered at 'key' known problem areas.

Chief Inspector Marc Tarbit, deputy local policing area commander for Oxford, said: "Protecting people from the harm caused by drug dealing is a priority for us.

"The city centre neighbourhood team has worked hard over the last few months making arrests and executing warrants.

"The month of focussed action will build on this work and continue to support the local community. We want to make Oxford a hostile place for drug dealers."

The patrols come as part of TVP's ongoing Stronghold campaign, aimed at fighting organised crime.

Councillor Tom Hayes, board member for community safety at the city council, said catching drug dealers and Oxford's safety is the number one priority for the council.

Patrols began on Monday and will last for four weeks.

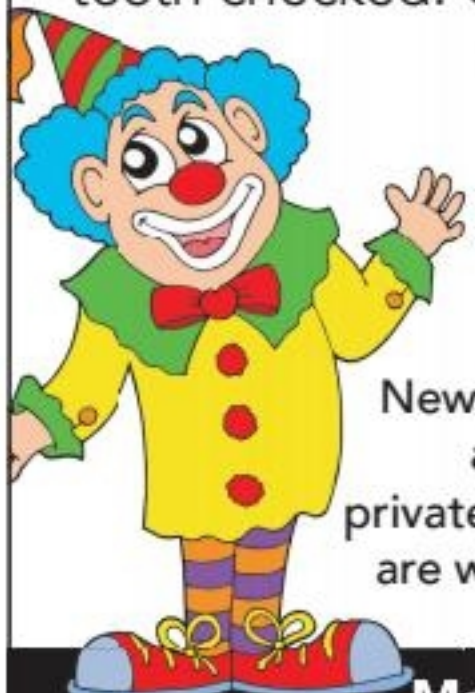
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Walking in memory of a loved one

WALKERS enjoyed the picturesque settings of Blenheim Palace while paying tribute to a loved one.

Sobell Hospice welcomed in the new year with its fourth annual Winter Walk in

Woodstock on Sunday, inviting participants of all ages to take part and help raise funds.

A group from Long Hanborough were there to do their bit in memory of a close friend from the village who

passed away last year.

All proceeds from the event were donated to the charity, which continues to work towards its target of raising an additional £4million to expand its services.

Hundreds give their backing to save the village pub

MORE than 200 people turned out to support a campaign to save The Crown Pub in South Moreton.

The passionate activists met at Hall Farm on Saturday to gauge interest in a fundraising campaign to buy and re-instate the drinking house.

Closed and sold off by Wadworth Brewery in 2015, there are also ambitions to re-open the Crown Lane site as a new community hub consisting of a shop and café.

One of those to attend the meeting was former Gladiators presenter Ulrika Jonsson, who described the meeting as "a tremendous success".

The 50-year-old, who lives nearby, said: "The number of local people attending, showing their enthusiasm and commitment and sharing a

wonderful social event together was truly heart-warming."

Campaigners have until April 6 to raise £500,000 (including renovations) from loans, grants and community donations and to submit a business case.

Funds will be raised by selling shares at £50 each, with five being the minimum that can be bought.

Paul Jackson, a founder member of the campaign and South Moreton resident, said: "This is just the beginning. We can raise some grants and loans, but we need to build a strong base of community shareholders and donors to make the project fly."

Contact hello@savethecrownpub.co.uk to get involved or for more information.



From left, Jo Rolfe, Paul Jackson, Ulrika Jonsson, Francesca Taylor, Jane Murphy (district councillor), Jon Nicholas, Andrew Searle and Tristram Kendall

InBrief

Fancy running 10k?

THERE'S still time to register to take part in Abingdon's fun run this Sunday, starting at 10.30am.

The 10k route starts from Tilsley Park on Dunmore Road, taking in three laps around the track, with an additional three laps and a final 500 metres.

All proceeds go to charity Poppys Path, which works with families and children affected by cerebral palsy.

T-shirts and medals are provided, with trophies for the top three.

Lead thefts arrest

A MAN has been arrested following a spate of lead thefts from a Didcot primary school.

All Saints CofE Primary School in Tamar Way was forced to shut for several days last month.

Police have arrested a 30-year-old man from Didcot in relation to one of the thefts, which happened at about 5am on December 16.

He has been released under investigation.

No further arrests have been made.

Little engineers

DIDCOT Railway Centre will host a workshop later this month to encourage young children to get involved in science and engineering.

The Little Engineers Workshops will provide three to six year olds with a hands on opportunity to explore the centre and have proved to be popular when held previously.

The drop-in sessions will run from 11.30am to 3.30pm on January 28, with a theme of levers.

Hotels failing to pick up CSE

Police carry out child sexual exploitation tests at 12 establishments

By Eva Astreinidou

HOTELIERS are still failing to spot the dangers of child sexual exploitation in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse areas.

The councils worked with Thames Valley Police last month to carry out a series of tests to check whether hotel staff recognise the signs and understand what action they need to take.

The operation ran over two nights covering 12 hotels and involved a police officer in plain clothes attempting to book a double room

while accompanied by a 14-year-old girl with no identification.

To pass the test, the hotels should have refused the booking and called the police.

Six hotels accepted the booking and while the other six refused the booking, they did not call the police.

The results of the CSE test are a slight improvement from a previous operation in June when nine out of 12 hotels accepted the booking.

Sgt Steve Bobbett, from TVP, said: "As the lead during this operation I was disappointed at the level of failure, especially since we had run

the operation earlier. There were some repeat failures which was particularly disappointing.

"On the positive side, a number of establishments had attended training and implemented safeguarding procedures.

"This is potentially exposing young and vulnerable victims to very serious abuse and we must do all we can to safeguard these potential victims."

Following the latest results more training sessions are planned in 2018 to educate staff as to what they need to be aware of.

In response to the results, Cllr

Elizabeth Gillespie, cabinet member for community safety at SODC said: "While there was some improvement from the previous operation it is extremely concerning to see that several hotels are still not challenging someone who could be putting a young person in serious danger."

Cllr Eric Batts, cabinet member for community safety at the Vale said: "Child sexual exploitation is a serious crime and hotels and B&Bs must make sure that they don't allow it to take place on their premises and that they follow the correct procedure if they suspect there's a problem."



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Pupils find the formula to draw

By George Welch

ARTSY pupils at a Didcot school showcased all their creative talents in a competition inspired by Oxfordshire's connections to Formula One.

Property developer McCarthy & Stone asked pupils at Aureus School, at Great Western Park, to design a race car in honour of the sport's rich links with the area.

Buzzing with enthusiasm, more than 100 imaginative entries were submitted by the secondary school youngsters.

Lewis McCormick took home first prize and a £50 book token for his whacky design that was powered by tinsel.

Second place went to the rainbow design from Freddie Finch and third place went to Hannah Dickson for her McCarthy & Stone themed car design, both of which won £25 book tokens.

McCarthy & Stone sales executive Janet Rose presented the winners with their prizes during an assembly.

All of the winning designs have been installed in the sales office at Williams Place, a retirement village also on GWP. McCarthy & Stone also donated £500 to the art department at the school.

Assistant headteacher Chris Hunt said: "On behalf of Aureus School, I would like to thank McCarthy & Stone for their support."

"The pupils thoroughly enjoyed



From left, Hannah Dickson, Aureus assistant headteacher Chris Hunt, Freddie Finch, Janet Rose from McCarthy & Stone and Lewis McCormick

creating their race car designs and we look forward to building on our relationship with McCarthy & Stone as it continues to establish a presence in Didcot."

Janet Rose, sales executive for Williams Place, said: "As a company, we appreciate that our responsibility is not only to build quality, purpose-

built retirement properties, but also to create a positive legacy in the communities in which we build.

"Aureus School is a superb school in the area and we are delighted to be able give their art department a helping hand."

McCarthy & Stone named Williams Place after Sir Frank Williams, the

founder and team principal of the Williams Formula One racing team, which used to be based in Didcot and is now in Grove.

Oxfordshire boasts three of the 10 Formula One teams - Williams (Grove), Renault (Enstone) and Haas (Banbury). Manor was also based in Banbury before the team shut down last year.

InBrief

Cyclist injured

AN elderly cyclist was hospitalised with serious leg injuries after colliding with two cars in Appleford.

The 72-year-old man, from Oxford, was travelling in Main Road, in the direction towards Abingdon, when he collided with a BMW Mini and Land Rover Freelander.

The cyclist was taken to the John Radcliffe for treatment, where he remains as we went to press.

Police are now appealing for witnesses to this incident, which happened at 2pm on Wednesday last week.

Contact police with information on 101, quoting reference 43180010328.

Plans for homes

COUNCILS in the south of the county have set out plans to deliver thousands of new homes over the next 14 to 16 years.

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils' adopted the Joint Housing Delivery Strategy following a public consultation in 2017.

The strategy will work alongside the respective local plans to guide how the new homes will be delivered.

>> Got a story? Contact the newsdesk on 01235 516919

Smash and grab thieves steal ATM

A GANG of thieves used a Jeep to haul a cash machine through the front doors of a Co-op in an audacious raid in Grove last week.

Police said burglars gained entry to the Co-op in Savile Way by prising open the metal shutter on the front of the store at 11.40pm on Tuesday, January 9.

A man slid underneath the shutter to tie a chain around the ATM machine inside.

After attaching the other end to their silver/grey Jeep Cherokee,

the gang lugged the machine through the front of the shop and loaded it into the boot before driving off, police believe.

It is believed three men wearing hoodies left in the Jeep, registration Y***0PY.

Three males also wearing hoodies were seen walking from the scene to another vehicle that was parked around the corner.

Investigating officer Detective Constable Charles Boshell said: "I would particularly like to hear

from anyone who saw a grey or silver 4x4 style vehicle plus any other vehicles with which it may have been travelling in convoy, between 11.45pm Tuesday (9/1) and shortly after midnight.

"We are keeping an open mind and are looking into whether this burglary is linked to any other similar offences in the area recently."

If you saw anything suspicious contact police on 101 quoting reference 43180008886.

Office conversion raises traffic concerns

A PLANNING application to transform a Henley office complex into flats has raised traffic concerns for the town centre.

Ressance of Newbury has applied for permission to redevelop The Hub at Hallmark House, off Station Road, into 23 flats, mostly with two bedrooms.

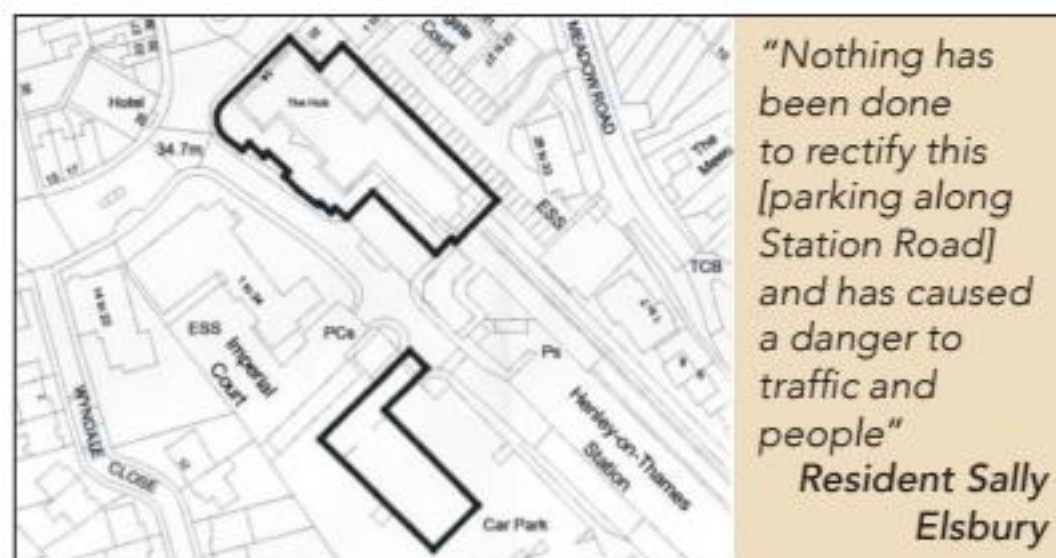
But Station Road resident Sally Elsbury believes issues over where potential new residents would park their cars could cause 'danger'.

She said: "Station Road is a major access road, not only to the train station but to the industrial units."

"Problems exist at the moment as cars have been parking along the route to avoid car park charges."

"Nothing has been done to rectify this and has caused a danger to traffic and people."

The developer does not



"Nothing has been done to rectify this [parking along Station Road] and has caused a danger to traffic and people"
Resident Sally Elsbury

require full planning consent as converting offices into homes is 'permitted development' under a law introduced in 2013.

This means Ressance does not have to make payments towards improving infrastructure such as roads, schools or GP surgeries or to include a proportion of 'affordable' homes.

Town, district and county

councillor Stefan Gawrysiak described this as a "blow" to the joint Henley and Harpsden neighbourhood plan, which sets out where about 500 homes should be built to meet government targets.

SODC has set a target decision date of February 9.

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Maternity services referral welcomed

By Samantha McGregor

THE decision to downgrade maternity services at Banbury's Horton Hospital has been referred to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel.

Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt referred the matter last week after pressure from north Oxfordshire MP Victoria Prentis.

Last summer Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group decided to permanently close consultant-led services at the hospital and run a midwife only service.

But the move came in for criticism from residents, campaigners and politicians from across the political spectrum.

The referral comes after a failed High Court bid for a judicial review over the OCCG decision.

The OCCG decision was referred to the Secretary of State for Health in August by the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

It is the second time a decision over changes at the hospital have been dealt with by the IRP.

In 2008 when the Banbury hospital was facing the removal of acute services, it found in favour of campaigners.

Campaigners have welcomed the decision and say they hope the panel will once again back local people.

Mrs Prentis said: "I am pleased the Secretary of State has agreed to pass the decision to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel for consideration.

"It is with regret that we find ourselves in a similar position to 2008, when the IRP were last asked to look at maternity provision at the Horton General Hospital.

"The IRP is the independent expert on NHS service change; it takes into account all available evidence in order to advise the Secretary of State on contested proposals.

"I have no doubt that they will look at this matter properly, and am hopeful that they will agree to undertake a full investigation."

Cllr Kieron Mallon, a longstanding Banbury councillor and campaigner for the Horton, said: "For those of us who were

involved in 2008 we think it is right and proper for the Secretary of State to refer this on.

"We are all hopeful that the Independent Reconfiguration Panel will investigate this fully as they did the previous referral."

Banbury Labour group leader Sean Woodcock said it was the "right" decision.

He said: "In 2008 the IRP made the correct decision to retain consultant-led maternity services at the Horton. Now I hope this same panel will show the same wisdom and make a decision that is truly in the interests of expectant mothers in and around Banbury."

Charlotte Bird of Keep the Horton General campaign, said: "The IRP's findings in 2008 were emphatic.

"Oxford is too far for women in labour to travel.

"Since nothing has changed, except that the journey takes longer and the population has increased, it would be extremely disappointing if Lord Ribeiro [the chairman] were to go against that decision."

Home found for new loneliness hub

A NEW service launched to combat loneliness for people in Didcot will hold its first meeting next week.

Charity worker Chloe Prior and town councillor James Hart have found a location for a hub to provide sanctuary and a hot cuppa to those feeling lonely or in need of support.

Step by Step will extend its helping hand for the first time on Monday, with sessions to be based at food surplus organisation SOFEA, based at Trident Business Park.

Meetings will take place every Monday and Wednesday between 9am and 3pm.

Miss Prior, 18, from East Hendred, said: "I'm in shock – I didn't expect it to come around

this quickly. I didn't expect it to happen at all."

Cllr Hart added: "I'm really, really happy because it means there's a place for [vulnerable] people in Didcot.

"This is going to be open to anybody and everybody. Nobody is left out of this.

"I'm chuffed we've succeeded in this."

Didcot charity shop Changing Lives, where Miss Prior works, will help provide a mini bus from Didcot to the business park, located near the power stations.

The pair thanked SOFEA and said they could not have set up the group without their help.

For more information email stepbystep1f@yahoo.com or call Cllr Hart at 07759 4659669.



Chloe Prior with Changing Lives volunteer Kevin

BBC journalist's stalker jailed for making contact

A STALKER who harassed BBC journalist Emily Maitlis for more than two decades has been put back behind bars after contacting his victim while still in prison.

Edward Vines, 47, of Clarkes Row, Oxford, was sentenced to three years and nine months at Oxford Crown Court on Tuesday on two counts of breaching his restraining order.

The BBC Newsnight presenter said in a statement read to the court that she felt "scared" and "jumpy" after living with the constant threat from her obsessive stalker.

She wrote: "It has affected my ability to do my work, what time I feel able to come home at night (I work late nights often). It also makes me jumpy around strangers for no reason as I fear any advance might be him."

Vine met Ms Maitlis at Cambridge University when they were students.

He was first convicted of harassment in 2002 and issued with an indefinite restraining order in 2009, which he breached when contacting Ms Maitlis from prison and again while living in a bail hostel on licence.

Judge Peter Ross described the repeated contact as "psychological torture" and gave the Probation Service and governor at HMP Bullingdon 10 days to provide a written explanation as to how the contact had been possible.

Couple forged signatures on shirts in a £1m scam

By Owen Hughes

A BANBURY con man has been found guilty of forging signed football memorabilia in a scheme that netted more than £1million over a nine-year period.

Premier League footballer Wayne Rooney was brought into the investigation to prove that replica shirts bearing the former Manchester United striker's signature were all fake.

David Rennie, 46, was found guilty of running a fraudulent business and transferring criminal property at Bournemouth Crown Court on Friday following a four-day trial.

His wife Clare Rennie, 45, who ran the business with David from his home in Banbury, pleaded guilty at the court on Monday, January 8 to identical charges.

Their online company, FA Premier Signings, sold more than 4,500 pieces of autographed football memorabilia complete with fake authentication certificates between 2007 and 2016.

Names of top stars such as Cristiano Ronaldo, Lionel Messi and England's record goal scorer Rooney adorned shirts, balls and boots sold by the business to fund the couple's lavish lifestyle, including long holidays in



Former England captain Wayne Rooney aided the investigation into bagging the couple profiting from fake signed memorabilia

Florida and luxury cars.

Officers raided David Rennie's home in January 2016 after a complaint was made to Dorset County Council's Trading Standards about a shirt that had been bought by someone in the county.

Large quantities of unsigned football shirts were discovered that compared with those advertised on the FA Premier Signings website.

Neil Martin, the principal trading standards officer leading the investigation, said: "To gather evidence in this case we have had to contact a number of FA Premier Signings' customers to tell them the

items they purchased are fake and as such are worthless.

"This is after they have spent upwards of £150 for a single signed shirt to over £700 for a squad signed shirt.

"There are a number of genuine memorabilia businesses that spend a lot of time and money ensuring that the items they supply are genuine.

"We are very grateful to some of these companies who helped us with this case and gave evidence in court to explain how this specialist market operates."

The Rennies have been released on bail and will be sentenced on February 16 at Bournemouth Crown Court.

Pensioner left distressed as her bag stolen

AN Abingdon pensioner was left 'distressed' after a thief approached her from behind and snatched her handbag.

Thames Valley Police are appealing for witnesses following the robbery, which happened on Tuesday last week at 9.30am in Bath Street.

The victim, a 76-year-old woman, was walking along the street when a man approached her from behind and grabbed her handbag from over her shoulder.

The bag is square, black leather and about eight inches by five inches with three horizontal zips on the front. It had a long shoulder strap.

The bag, not yet recovered, could have been discarded nearby.

Officers described the offender as 5ft 10ins to 6ft tall, slim and wearing a green and black camouflage jacket which was thigh length. He was wearing a grey knitted hat.

The victim was not injured but was left shaken.

Investigating officer, Sergeant Rachel Carter, said the incident "was very distressing for the victim".

Contact police on 101 with information.

A 49-year-old man from Abingdon has been arrested on suspicion of theft and has been released under investigation.

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Help to light up Oxford streets with strangers

PEOPLE in Oxford will be able to recreate the night sky to light up dark and gloomy streets in the city with the help of strangers.

A new campaign called Star Light, Star Bright is launching today, inviting people in the city to map constellations of stars using newly installed step activated lights.

The first of its kind, the Smart Oxford Playable City project has been commissioned by Oxford City Council to turn the city into a fun shared experience for visitors.

This comes as members of the community were invited to submit distinctive ideas to respond to the theme Shared City, with the aim of connecting strangers through a shared moment.

Created by Hellion Trace, the project will be set in seven locations.

Laura Kriefman, founder of Hellion Trace and creator of Star Light, Star Bright, said: "Star Light, Star Bright draws attention to the connections between the streets of Oxford and the people of Oxford as individuals achieving something together, strangers meeting in the winter darkness to create light and connection."

As winners of the award chosen by a judging panel, Hellion Trace received £30,000 and guidance to help realise their ideas.

Drink and drug driving arrests go up 9 per cent

By Eva Astreinidou

A CRACKDOWN on drink and drug driving over the Christmas period led to a total of more than 340 arrests across the Thames Valley area.

Figures from Operation Holly show nearly a nine per cent increase in the number of drivers caught under the influence.

In Thames Valley, 347 drivers were caught with alcohol or drugs in their system, in contrast to last year's total figure of 316.

The campaign, which ran throughout Thames Valley and Hampshire, led to 601 arrests overall.

The operation saw 352 charged and a further 175 released under further investigation across the two areas.

Sergeant Rob Heard, from the Roads Policing Joint Operations Unit, said: "Our commitment in roads policing is unwavering towards preventing the distress and misery caused by driving under the influence of drink or drugs."

"Such behaviour on our roads

has far-reaching effects not just for the impaired driver, but for any innocent road users affected by their destructive decisions.

"The lives of individuals and their families can be torn apart through a combination of physical, psychological and legal consequences.

"Too many people continue to be complacent about the realities of road deaths and serious injuries. That's why we want everyone to be clear about their responsibilities, and have respect for each other on the road.

"Our message is simple - don't mix drink or drugs with driving - it's not worth the risk."

The operation ran for a month from December 1, 2017 throughout Thames Valley and Hampshire and was a combination of high visibility patrols, covert operations and intelligence-led policing aimed at targeting persistent offenders and drink and drug drivers.

More than three quarters of those arrested were male, with the highest offending age group across the two regions aged 21 to 30 - far greater than any other age group.



Some of the damage done to Bicester Green during the break-in

Donors help break-in appeal

A CHARITY is already more than halfway towards replacing items stolen after a break-in.

Sustainability and skills charity Bicester Green, based in The Garth, off Launton Road, was broken into, its workshop was vandalised and items stolen, just weeks before Christmas.

Its trustees launched a £2,000 Crowdfunding appeal to pay to repair the damage, buy a new till and install CCTV cameras.

So far donations have reached £1,420, including a £500 donation from Phil, who said: "Best of luck with the project".

Bicester Green share skills, teach unemployed people new skills and volunteers repair or convert second-

hand items into usable products saving it from landfill.

Trustee Lewis Knight said: "We're overwhelmed with the support we have received from the people of Oxfordshire and also a number of businesses who have helped out."

"A special thanks must go to the mysterious donor, Phil.

"This support has allowed us to re-open our doors and carry on with the great work that we do.

"We would love to reach our goal, so any further help anyone can provide is gratefully received."

Police have appealed for witnesses, anyone with information should call police on 101 quoting 43170373679.

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Call to re-open 30-bed community hospital

Supporters asked to write to MPs and councils

By Owen Hughes

CAMPAIGNERS fighting to save a community hospital are appealing for support to re-open it.

The group feel "let down" by a lack of action from Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

Originally the OCCG's Big Health and Care Consultation was due to run in autumn 2016, but the second phase covering community hospitals has still not taken place, leaving the future of Wantage's health service in limbo.

Councillor Jenny Hannaby, chairman of the Wantage Hospitals League of Friends, said the people of Wantage, Grove and surrounding areas have "been let down" and that "it's about time that OCCG did something".

She added: "It's been well over a year since the hospital has been closed, and part two of the consultation that we were promised in October 2016 still hasn't taken place."

Oxfordshire Health NHS Foundation Trust closed the 12 beds at the hospital to in-patients in July



Jenny Hannaby has called for action over the future of Wantage hospital 2016 after raised levels of legionella had been detected in the hot water system.

The physio unit has also since been closed at the site, leaving only the maternity service open.

Cllr Hannaby said: "We're pleased that the maternity unit is still thriving, and the Wantage Hospitals League of Friends are still in touch with them and helping them, because we want to keep it open."

"But a few weeks ago I asked Oxfordshire Health NHS Foundation Trust if the Wantage Hospital could be opened again to help with their winter pressures of flu, but I have had no reply. It's a 30-bed hospital and it's sat there doing nothing."

"There are millions being spent on bed blocking, and it just seems a not a very well managed situation when you have a community hospital doing nothing."

"If they spent the money that they put aside on re-instating the hospital - which they say is about £350,000 - and put the beds back in, I'm sure there would have been a saving against what they're having to spend out on bed blocking."

She added: "We have re-asked on Facebook if people can write to MPs and the council and let them know how valued the hospital is."

League members met in October last year to discuss the possibility of buying the hospital for around £1.2 million to keep the facility open.

Full closure of the service could lead to care being moved into local nursing home beds.



RAF Brize Norton personnel helped raise £880 for Helen & Douglas House
Picture: Sharron Floyd, MOD Crown Copyright

Miles make smiles at spin-a-thon

SIXTEEN members of crew from RAF Brize Norton clocked up the miles to raise an impressive £880 for charity.

The team held a spin-a-thon challenge at Sainsburys in Witney in aid of Helen & Douglas House.

A spokesperson for the charity which helps families and children with terminal illnesses, said: "Thank you very much for your fantastic support RAF Brize Norton, we're very grateful for your time."

"Every penny, every smile you

help us raise, makes a big difference to the lives of terminally ill children and young adults."

The event took place from 9am to 5pm on Monday, with the crew attempting to "travel" as long a distance as possible.

The personnel split up into two teams and competed to see who could achieve the greatest distance - Team A managed to win the event, covering a total distance of 251.8 km while Team B managed 245.7 km.

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Call to join in rubbish conversation

By George Welch

RESIDENTS across Oxfordshire are encouraged to talk rubbish and recycling by advising the county's six councils on how they can help them create less waste.

Oxfordshire, which produces a tonne of waste every year, has been one of the top counties at recycling and composting for a few years.

But the percentage of household waste across the county sent for reuse, recycling or composting has started to drop – and the councils want your help to reverse the trend.

According to data from WasteDataFlow, which reports local authority data on waste to the government, Oxfordshire's figures decreased from 58.5 per cent in 2015/16 to 57.7 per cent in 2016/17.

In response, the county council has taken a look at alternative recycling

schemes in other authorities, including changing bin sizes and collection frequency.

Cllr Yvonne Constance, cabinet member for environment at the county council, said: "We want to help residents to increase the amount they recycle and have looked around at what other councils are doing."

"We are interested in which of these the residents of Oxfordshire think may work for them as we seek to minimise the overall amount of residual waste produced in the county."

The consultation will contribute to the countywide waste strategy, which covers up to 2030 and will be approved in the summer. Each council will then adopt changes later in the year.

Three of Oxfordshire's council's – South (third), West (fourth), and the Vale of White Horse (fifth) – are in the top five local authorities in England for reusing, recycling and composting waste.



Vale councillor Charlotte Dickson and Biffa operations manager Ian Gillott with one of South and Vale's new trucks promoting recycling

However, SODC and the Vale fell by around two per cent on the previous year, while WODC, Cherwell and Oxford City all improved.

Cllr John Tanner, executive board member for a clean and green Oxford at the city council said: "Oxford city is

bucking the trend because our recycling rate is going up. But with half of Oxford's refuse recycled, we can still learn from other Oxfordshire councils."

To take part in the survey, which is open until February 18, visit www.recycleforoxfordshire.org.uk.

Commuter's bid to travel on 33 buses in one day

AN experienced commuter took on the challenge of travelling on 33 different bus routes earlier this week.

Adham Fisher, 32, was given a free bus pass by the Oxford Bus Company to complete the journeys, with the aim of trying out the buses and giving feedback to the company.

After completing the task on Tuesday, Mr Fisher gave a talk on his experience at the Oxford Bus Company's customer travel lounge in Gloucester Green the following day.

Speaking on Tuesday, Oxford Bus Company managing director, Phil Southall, said: "We're looking forward to hosting Adham and he is the talk of the depot."

"Adham has done many of the major cities around the world and so Oxford, as one of the beautiful and iconic visitor destinations in the UK, was a logical choice."

Over the years Mr Fisher, from Leicester, has attempted to complete the fastest journeys on 35 transport networks around the globe.

Mr Southall added: "It's brilliant to see such enthusiasm for bus travel and as an experienced traveller we are looking forward to hearing his feedback on our service."

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Appeal for dashcam footage from fatal M40 crash

POLICE are re-appealing for dashcam footage from the night of a fatal crash on the M40 in which two people were killed.

Oxford University historian Dr Mark Whittow, 60, died along with a 29-year-old man from Warwickshire as a result of the multi-car collision at around 11pm on December 23.

Five cars were involved in the incident on the northbound stretch

of the motorway between Bicester and Banbury.

Thames Valley Police, the ambulance service, fire service and Highways England all attended.

Investigating officer Police Constable Linzi Turner, from the Joint Operations Unit for Roads Policing, said: "We are re-appealing for anyone who may have dashcam footage to come forward to police."

"Anyone who was travelling northbound on the M40 that evening may have footage which could aid our investigation. We continue to appeal to anyone who witnessed the collision and has not yet spoken to officers to please contact us."

Call the 24-hour Thames Valley Police enquiry centre on 101 quoting URN 1669 (23/12) to send your dashcam footage.



Dr Mark Whittow

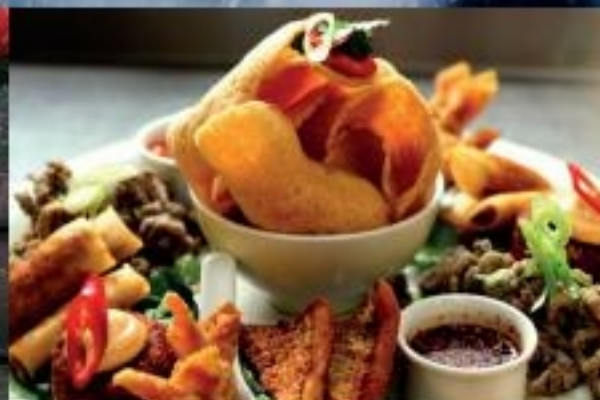
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Live sessions to help stars of the future

ASPIRING musicians will get the chance to demonstrate their talents alongside Oxford based artists at soon-to-be-arranged live lounge sessions.

SAE Oxford, a creative media institution in Littlemore, is calling on bands and singer-songwriters to collaborate with its students.

The aim is to give the youngsters the chance to get involved in professional projects.

The up-and-coming musicians will be able to record and mix the live performances in SAE's studios.

At the same time, the artists will be able to use the high-tech facilities and get further exposure through various channels.

They will also receive a free video copy of their performance to use for promotion.

Mike Hill, audio production lecturer, said: "The live lounge offers local artists the chance to record their music in a way that genuinely represents the live performance."

"They can share the session with their fans and even send it to music promoters to help secure their next gig."

Those interested should send links of their work to Dani Bonventre at d.bonventre@sae.edu

Dates to be confirmed.

Student accommodation a tribute to ex-principal

By Eva Astreinidou

GROUND has been broken on a new student accommodation building named after a late Oxford University principal.

The Catherine Hughes building will provide 68 bedrooms for Somerville College students, allowing for the accommodation of all its undergraduates on site.

Performed by Mrs Hughes' husband, the ground-breaking ceremony last week was a proud moment in memory of the former principal, who held the position from 1989 to 1996.

Property consultants Bidwells, the team's project managers, and Oxford-based construction firm, Beard, joined Dr Trevor Hughes as he officially started the construction phase of work on the new building.

Andrew Parker, treasurer at Somerville College, said: "We know that this [building] will bring our Somerville community even closer together. It will also offer a significant benefit for applicants choosing Somerville, and will be particularly important to those who might otherwise be deterred by the cost of having to live out for a year."

"It is especially fitting that our new building should be named



Dr Trevor Hughes digs the first earth on the site of the new building watched by Chris Clover (Bidwells), Joanna Innes (fellow and tutor in English), Andrew Parker (treasurer), Adam Price (Beard) and Steve Johnson (Somerville College)

for Catherine Hughes, who had a particular interest in the intellectual development and wellbeing of students and we are proud to honour her in this way."

Chris Clover, partner at Bidwells, said: "[We are] honoured to be involved in marking the legacy of such an important figure in Somerville College's history and we very much look forward to taking this project to

the next stage of its development."

Richie Carter, contracts manager at Beard, said: "We're delighted to be starting construction and look forward to working with Oxford University's Somerville College and Bidwells in the delivery of this exciting and challenging project."

The building on Walton Street is scheduled for completion in October 2019.

By Samantha McGregor

LUCY Walker knows all about fund raising because it's her job – this year she will experience it first-hand.

The 27-year-old community fundraiser is taking on her own challenge by trekking the Great Wall of China later this year and hopes to raise £3,600.

And what better than to raise money for a charity that is close to her heart – her employer, Helen & Douglas House, which supports families with terminally ill children and young adults.

Now Lucy, from Bicester, is urging other people to join her on the 50km trek, which takes place from October 27 to November 4.

Lucy said: "I've been so touched by the incredible work that Helen & Douglas House does for terminally ill children and their families that I just felt compelled to do something for them."

"I've especially been touched by the families that I work with so closely, who despite going through the unimaginable are determined to raise funds and awareness of Helen & Douglas House."

"These local families face massive challenges everyday so the least I can do is take on this challenge to help them."

Stretching over 5,500 miles the Great Wall of China is the longest human-made structure on the planet, and has a history dating back more than 2,000 years.

The Helen & Douglas House trek will take in the Gubeikou to Simatai

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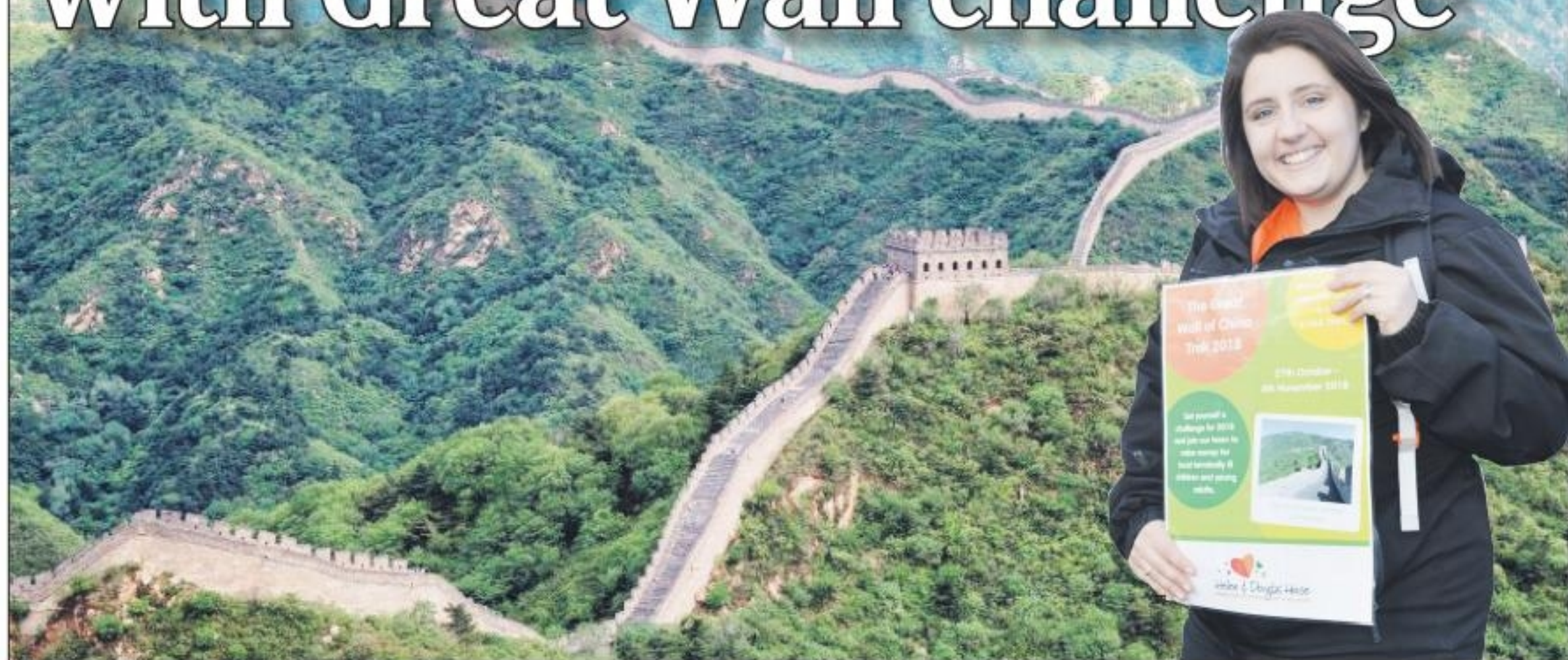
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Across five days Lucy will trek through remote villages and towns navigating a mix of bumpy paths and steep, uneven steps, and will finish

with a visit to Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City.

Lucy said: "On a personal level I've never done anything quite like this before and I really am looking forward to having something to focus on and work towards."

"I've committed to a healthy eating plan to lose weight and an exercise programme to make sure I'm as prepared as possible."

To help raise money she's hosting a womens clothing sale, will sell handmade Valentine items and

through car boot sales.

For more information about the trek join an information evening at Helen & Douglas House, in East Oxford, on Monday at 6.30pm. For more information call 01865 799150, or go to hdh.org.uk.

£12k for dinner and photo with David Cameron

FORMER Prime Minister David Cameron has been featured in promotional material in China advertising dinner and a picture with the former Witney MP – for £12,000.

The adverts appeared on social media in China showing Mr Cameron next to a price tag of 109,800 renminbi, or about £12,000, for "dinner and a pic".

The former Conservative Party leader was in China for the Shanghai International Ball and Leaders' Forum, which took place last week.

Mr Cameron also met President Xi Jinping during his trip.

As prime minister, Mr Cameron hosted President Xi during a state visit to the UK in 2015 to improve relations between the two countries.

In December last year it was announced the former MP would be taking on a new role leading a UK government-backed investment initiative between Britain and China.

The £750million fund for the initiative, which won't involve any taxpayer's money, is designed to develop ancient trade routes through China to Europe, developing ports, roads and rail networks.

Mr Cameron stepped down from his role as MP in September 2016 shortly after resigning as prime minister following his defeat in the EU referendum.

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Tackling issue of isolation via social media

A NEW research project will look at whether or not sharing photos on social media can help reduce feelings of loneliness in older people.

The study between Oxford Brookes University and The Open University focused on people aged 60 or over, to see how social media can enhance their wellbeing and reduce social isolation.

Participants will complete an online questionnaire about their experiences sharing photos online, and will also be invited to join groups to discuss why and how they share images and what perceived benefits they derive from doing so.

Co-led by Professor Shailey Minocha of the Open University and Dr Sarah Quinton at Oxford Brookes University, the project is supported by Age UK Milton Keynes.

Dr Sarah Quinton, senior lecturer in marketing at Oxford Brookes said: "Through this study we will explore the perceived value of photo sharing online in tackling social isolation and loneliness in older people but also its benefits on people's wellbeing and cognitive function."

The results of the research project are expected in the summer.

To complete the survey visit tinyurl.com/y7rj78r8.

Lose weight and shape up for free



COUNTING calories and burning fat could get a little easier for Oxfordshire residents as a free weight loss programme gets under way.

Oxfordshire County Council has partnered with healthy lifestyle provider Thrive Tribe to deliver free programmes to help people aged over 16 lose weight and get in shape across 50 locations in the county.

The programmes that are available include free vouchers for 12-week sessions with Weight Watchers or Slimming World, or directly with six month Achieve Healthy Weight Loss Oxfordshire.

Also available is a weekly men's only 'Man v Fat' football league weight loss initiative, where players can earn points before stepping on the pitch according to how many pounds the team have shed.

Around 600 people have already signed up to the county-wide service which started in September and in the first two months achieved a total 645lbs of weight loss.

Councillor Hilary Hibbert Biles, cabinet member for public health and education, said: "Losing weight can reduce your risk of some potentially serious health problems such as heart

disease, type 2 diabetes, strokes or cancer as well as simply raise your self-esteem and help you enjoy life better.

"Most people who need to lose weight can get health benefits from losing even a small amount - about five per cent - of their weight if they keep it off."

Hannah Pearce, head of service for Achieve Healthy Weight Loss Oxfordshire, said: "The new year is a key time for people to take action to reduce their weight and we're here to help them achieve their goals."

Details of the free-to-use service can be found at www.achieveoxfordshire.org.uk

InBrief

Is Uffington best?

AN Oxfordshire village has been shortlisted in Channel 4's latest TV competition.

Uffington, near Wantage, is one of 76 villages across the country that will make its screen debut on Tuesday at 3pm.

The historic hamlet nestled in the shadow of the famous White Horse Hill and the Ridgeway is the only Oxfordshire village featuring in the series Village of the Year presented by actress Penelope Keith and Great British Sewing Bee judge Patrick Grant.

If the judges like what they see, Uffington will go through to the South East semi final to be shown on January 27 in the prime-time slot of 8pm.

The competition's grand final will be screened on February 10 at 8pm.

Air views on rail line

A THIRD series of consultations over plans for the East West Rail link is under way.

People can find out more about changes to the project at Launton Sports and Social Club, Bicester Road, Launton, tomorrow from 12pm to 8pm.

The East West Rail project is working to join Oxford to Milton Keynes and eventually Cambridge, via Bicester Village Station.

For more information view networkrail.co.uk/east-west-rail

Ofsted finds teaching and safety inadequate

By Eva Astreinidou

A PRIMARY school in Carterton has been ranked as 'inadequate' by an education watchdog.

St Joseph's the Great Catholic School, owned by Dominic Barbary Multi Academy Company, was given the poor grading in a report released last week, falling from its last inspection where it was rated as 'good'.

Ofsted inspectors who attended the school in November said procedures to keep children safe are not routinely followed by school leaders and that pupils are not sufficiently challenged in their learning.

This comes as the school trust has been criticised by parents, following the unexplained departure of the principal and vice principal at St Greg's in Oxford, which was placed under special measures after it was also rated 'inadequate'.

Ofsted's new report for St Joseph's states: "Representatives of the school committee are very enthusiastic and committed to their roles."

"Due to the lack of training and support [from DBMAC], however, they are not yet skilled enough in checking the impact of their own policies and leaders' actions with any rigour."

It adds: "Leaders have not taken the necessary steps to address under performance in teaching. They have not provided effective feedback, training and support to improve the quality of teaching. Any actions they have taken to improve pupils' attainment and progress in writing and mathematics have been implemented too slowly."

In regards to safety at the school, which teaches children aged three to 11, the report said: "Inspectors observed staff leaving children unsupervised, potentially putting them at risk of harm."

In 2013 the 165-pupil primary was rated good in all categories, three months after joining the academy.

But the new report deems three of five areas 'inadequate' and the other two as 'requires improvement'.

The report did highlight improvements in attendance, and praised teachers for forging 'positive, caring relationships'.

While the majority of DBMAC's schools are rated 'good', St Joseph's and St Greg's both now carry the label of 'inadequate'.

David Forster, chair of directors at DBMAC, said a new headteacher was appointed in September and the trust has recently appointed a new deputy head and governors.

He added: "A recent audit of the school's safeguarding policies and procedures has found these to be robust and its new safeguarding team is working to ensure we keep the school environment safe and secure for all pupils."

Estate next in line for litter blitz and clear-up campaign

THE Bure Park estate in Bicester is set to get a blitz in the latest clean-up campaign by Cherwell District Council.

Council officers will clear litter, graffiti and fly-tipping across the

estate during next week.

Residents can take advantage of discounted recycling bins and 100 free bulky waste collections will be up for grabs.

Cllr Debbie Pickford, Cherwell's

lead member for clean and green, said: "The Bure Park area is one of the prettiest in Bicester and it will be great to see it get some extra attention from our street cleansing team."

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Sky Sports presenter Dave Clark is encouraging people to join the walk

Join walk to fight Parkinson's

PEOPLE in Oxford are being asked to unite with thousands of others across the UK and step closer to a cure for Parkinson's.

Keen walkers can stretch their legs in a 1.5, 4.5 or eight mile route, all starting and crossing the finish line at Cherwell School.

It might not be until September but those interested are urged to sign up as soon as possible, with Parkinson's UK launching Walk for Parkinson's 2018 last week.

Hundreds of walkers descended on Oxford last year to raise £33,540 – and the charity wants to improve that figure this year.

Sky Sports presenter and 'champion

of walking' for Parkinson's UK, Dave Clark, was diagnosed with the disease in 2011 and is promoting the event.

A keen walker himself, Dave said: "We want to make 2018 our biggest year yet."

"I'd like to invite everyone, whatever their level of fitness, to take advantage of the many different types of walks, scenic routes and distances available."

"Every step takes us closer to a cure and our goal of improving the lives of everyone affected by Parkinson's."

The sign up fee for the September 23 event is £10 for adults and £5 for under 16s.

Visit tinyurl.com/y9ph4xfy.

House to be returned to council after drug activity

By George Welch

AN Oxford council house will be handed back to the city after nearly eight years of 'serious and persistent' anti-social behaviour.

Oxford City Council won a court case to take back the Lake Street home from tenant John Mundy, 51, at Oxford County Court on January 4.

Drug taking, suspected drug dealing and rowdy visitors have been reported by neighbours on multiple occasions since Mr Mundy moved into the property in 2010.

The city council said it offered Mr Mundy "every opportunity to change the behaviour at the property," due to concerns over his vulnerability.

Despite a closure order on the property from April last year being

extended to September, problems continued.

An injunction stopping a man who had been threatening Mr Mundy from contacting him was also taken out in August last year.

However, issues have continued and Mr Mundy will now be evicted.

He has until February 8 to give up the property, at which point it will be returned to the council's 7,800-strong council housing stock.

Councillor Tom Hayes, executive board member for community safety, said: "We have spent years working with the tenant in an effort to change the serious anti-social behaviour that had been taking place at his property but, despite every effort from the city council, the behaviour continued."

"This case shows that reporting

anti-social behaviour can lead to safe neighbourhoods.

"The neighbours who came forward to report the anti-social behaviour taking place at this property... protected their community's interests and set an example to others that reporting anti-social behaviour can protect neighbourhoods across the city."

To report visible signs of drug taking or drug dealing, contact Thames Valley Police on 101.

To report discarded needles, which the city council will remove within an hour during office hours and two hours out of office hours, visit: tinyurl.com/ybsxskzu

Contact saferoxford@oxford.gov.uk to report anti-social behaviour at council houses.

Dancers position themselves for a masterclass with a ballet maestro

ASPIRING dancers and ballet enthusiasts from across Oxfordshire took part in masterclasses led by an international star of the art.

Former principal dancer of the English National Ballet Matz Skoog gave the classes to dancers at Aureus School in Didcot earlier this month.

The Swedish-born dancer went into teaching after his performing days came to an end in 1995 and told dancers at the classes organised by Downland Dance that "I don't teach how to dance, I teach how to be a dancer".

He described the studio at Aureus School as an excellent space for ballet and dance classes and enjoyed working with younger students and adults who have not had a classical training,



Matz Skoog gives the masterclass at Aureus School

as a change from teaching professionals.

He said: "Ballet is excellent exercise for all ages providing the teacher is mindful of safety."

After the classes, everyone wanted to hear Matz's view of Strictly.

He claimed to be impressed by the skill of the dancers and described Darcey Bussell as "an absolutely delightful person and a truly excellent ambassador for

dance in Britain" but added he hadn't danced with her and that she would be too tall for him on pointe.

Downland Dance has been teaching ballet in south Oxfordshire for more than 40 years.

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Garage to be demolished next week

WORK to decommission and demolish a Didcot petrol station will begin next week.

A planning application to 'modernise and facilitate redevelopment' of the former Shell garage in Broadway was approved last week.

Forecourt buildings, the canopy and underground tanks will be taken down and decommissioned.

The process will be carried out using "excavators fitted with demolition attachments," Shell said.

South Oxfordshire District Council received the application last month and work will begin on Monday with an expected completion date of May 30.

The approval will pave the



An application has been submitted to modernise The Shell garage on Broadway. Picture: Google

way for the construction of a new petrol station, as per planning permission granted in 2016. This will include a new kiosk, car wash and pumps. Underground fuel tanks and new fuel pipework will

also be installed.

Shell's temporary closure leaves three petrol stations in the town; Sainsbury's, Central Drive; Tesco, Wallingford Road and Co-op, Wantage Road.

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Ricky's cat helps boost donations for charity after food theft

A CHERWELL cat rescue service was "overwhelmed" after it received more than 200 parcels following a social media appeal for donations shared by comedian Ricky Gervais.

Burglars ransacked Cherwell Cats Protection's storage facility in Bicester in late December stealing almost all the cat food and leaving only empty boxes behind.

But a tweet shared by the star of The Office and Extras via his own cat's Twitter profile resulted in hundreds of parcels from all over the world being donated to the Oxfordshire charity.

Ollie, @myleftfang on Twitter, has almost 40,000 followers who have

contributed to the 224 donations sent to the cat rehoming facility.

Cherwell Cats Protection took to Facebook to thank those who ordered items from its Amazon wish list.

"We are feeling extremely overwhelmed by the huge amounts of generosity we have received from each and every person in our community and beyond (as far as the USA)," it said.

"We only put a post out there to make people aware of what happened to us - but the response could not have been further away from what we had expected."

To support the charity go to cherwellcats.org.uk.



Ricky Gervais with cat Ollie

InBrief

City fares increase

OXFORD Bus Company has frozen fares on its Park-and-Ride, Airline, and X90 routes, while Oxford SmartZone weekly tickets have also been frozen for 2018.

But a typical Oxford city single and return ticket is set to increase by 20p to £2 and £3 respectively.

Managing director Phil Southall said: "We have worked hard to maintain prices on as many services as possible."

"Unfortunately, we have had to increase prices in some areas to ensure we can cope with increasing operating costs."

Castle discounts

OXFORDSHIRE residents can claim special discount prices at Oxford Castle during January.

To be eligible, bring proof of your 'OX' postcode.

Entry is £6 for an adult, £4 for a child, and £18 for a family.

Art entries invited

THE final call for entries for The Ironstone Art Prize is January 24.

Artists within a 20-mile radius of Banbury will get the chance to exhibit at Banbury Museum.

The Ironstone Art Prize is both a competition and an art exhibition and is held every other year to showcase regional artistic talent.

The exhibition takes place from February 3 until March 10.

Empty homes must be used, says MP

By Eva Astreinidou

AN Oxfordshire MP is calling for action to be taken on thousands of vacant homes in the area as more people are facing the new year without a home.

Figures obtained by the Liberal Democrats through Freedom of Information requests show the Vale of White Horse has 368 empty properties, Cherwell has 376 and a further 337 are unoccupied in Oxford city.

The data also shows some of the properties have been vacant for 10 years or more.

Oxford West and Abingdon MP Layla Moran said: "We all will have

witnessed people sleeping out in the cold on our streets. It is a scandal that so many houses locally are sitting empty as individuals and families face 2018 without a home."

She said that local authorities should make use of Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMO), which are used to take over properties that have been empty for at least two years.

The MP added: "But most of all the government needs to urgently review cuts to funding. Our communities are suffering from the failure to build enough affordable homes. The impact of welfare cuts is clearly forcing more people onto our streets and leaving others in inadequate, temporary

accommodation."

Councillor Mike Rowley, board member for housing at Oxford City Council, said he strongly agrees with the MP that funding is needed to build more genuinely affordable homes.

But he said: "We have reduced the number of long-term empty homes in Oxford by nearly two-thirds, from over 900 in 2008 to 337 now. We do use EDMOs and compulsory purchase as a last resort where other means fail."

A spokesperson from Vale and South Oxfordshire district councils said: "We are committed to bring empty properties back into use with schemes such as the empty home loan, which encourages owners to renovate their

empty property by offering a five-year loan for improvement works to be undertaken. For owners that have a property empty for two years or more we increase the council tax rate by 50 per cent."

A spokesperson for Cherwell District Council said: "The issue of empty homes is one the council continues to address. Cherwell has a dedicated empty homes project, working with homeowners to bring empty properties back into use."

They added: "Cherwell [also] supports a range of voluntary sector agencies through grant agreements to support individuals who are homeless or unsuitably housed."

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Council cheers pub decision after residence plan rejected

A FORMER Henley drinking house will remain as a pub after an appeal to transform it into a home was dismissed.

South Oxfordshire District Council issued an enforcement notice in January 2017 on grounds that The Lamb Inn, in Satwell, Rotherfield Greys was being used as a residential property without planning permission.

The enforcement notice gave Graham Granaski, the pub's owner, nine months to stop 'unauthorised residential use' of the pub, which ceased trading when he bought the site in January 2013.

Mr Granaski launched an appeal against the notice but an independent planning inspector has dismissed this.

Cllr Felix Bloomfield, SODC's cabinet member for development management and building control, said: "I am delighted with the outcome of the appeal."

"Purchasing a public house to use as a residential property, without the necessary planning consents in place, is totally unacceptable."

"I hope this sends a strong message that our council will take action whenever is necessary to prevent this from happening and will do what we can to protect public houses for the benefit of local communities."

The appeal decision was made last month following an inquiry held on October 17 and site visit made on October 18.



The Lamb Inn, Satwell, Henley, in November 2010. Picture: Google

First aid advice for pet owners

PET owners are invited to a free first aid session next month that could help save a beloved pet's life in an emergency.

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The session coincides with a recent change in opening hours for the practice which has introduced a night service to ensure vets and nurses can be accessed any time of day or night.

Anita Dowe, clinical director in Abingdon, said: "Having a vet on-site and working all night means changes in patient condition can be acted on immediately."

"We are currently covering the out of hours for our five sites, as well as four other clinics within our catchment area, but are hoping to get more local clinics to subscribe to the service."

"Our busiest times are generally 7pm to 11pm, but every night is different."

To register for the free first aid course at the surgery in Abingdon on February 4 at 2pm, email abivale@abivale.com.

New fire systems to help vulnerable

By Owen Hughes

INNOVATIVE new portable misting systems could be installed in homes across Oxfordshire to protect vulnerable people with mobility or mental health issues from domestic fire outbreaks.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service has installed the first of its Ultraguard portable misting systems at a home in Oxford, with more units due to be installed across homes in Oxfordshire, as a way of protecting vulnerable people from fires.

The system deploys a fine mist for 10 minutes to suppress the fire and prevent it from spreading when it is triggered by two linked "intelligent" detectors monitoring air in the home.

Once activated the Ultraguard will also automatically alert the fire service to the situation.

Watch manager Paul Riley said: "The misting system is used as a last resort, as Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service is committed to protecting those most vulnerable to fire in the home. Many of those are smokers and may have other risk factors."

"We work closely with partners in local authorities, social care and social landlords to identify and assess situations where misting systems can really help save lives."

Once a person stops smoking or changes address, the portable system can be taken away from the property and re-used elsewhere.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service carries out Safe and Well visits in homes across the county to protect members of the community.

These visits include the fitting of smoke alarms and providing advice to

occupiers on fire, health and wellbeing to support the resilience of residents in the home.

There are a number of criteria to consider when assessing a resident for a misting system and these revolve around the person's ability to respond in the event of a fire. Considerations include mobility, age, mental health and lifestyle habits.

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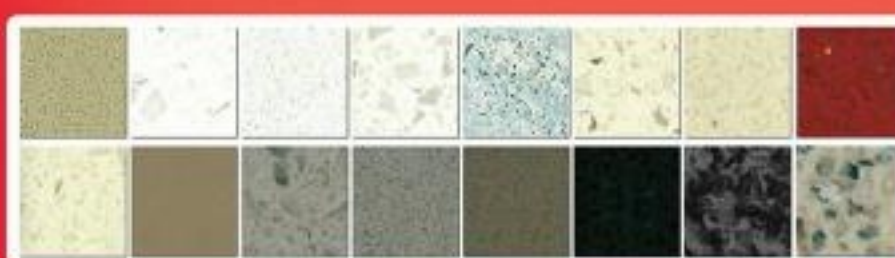
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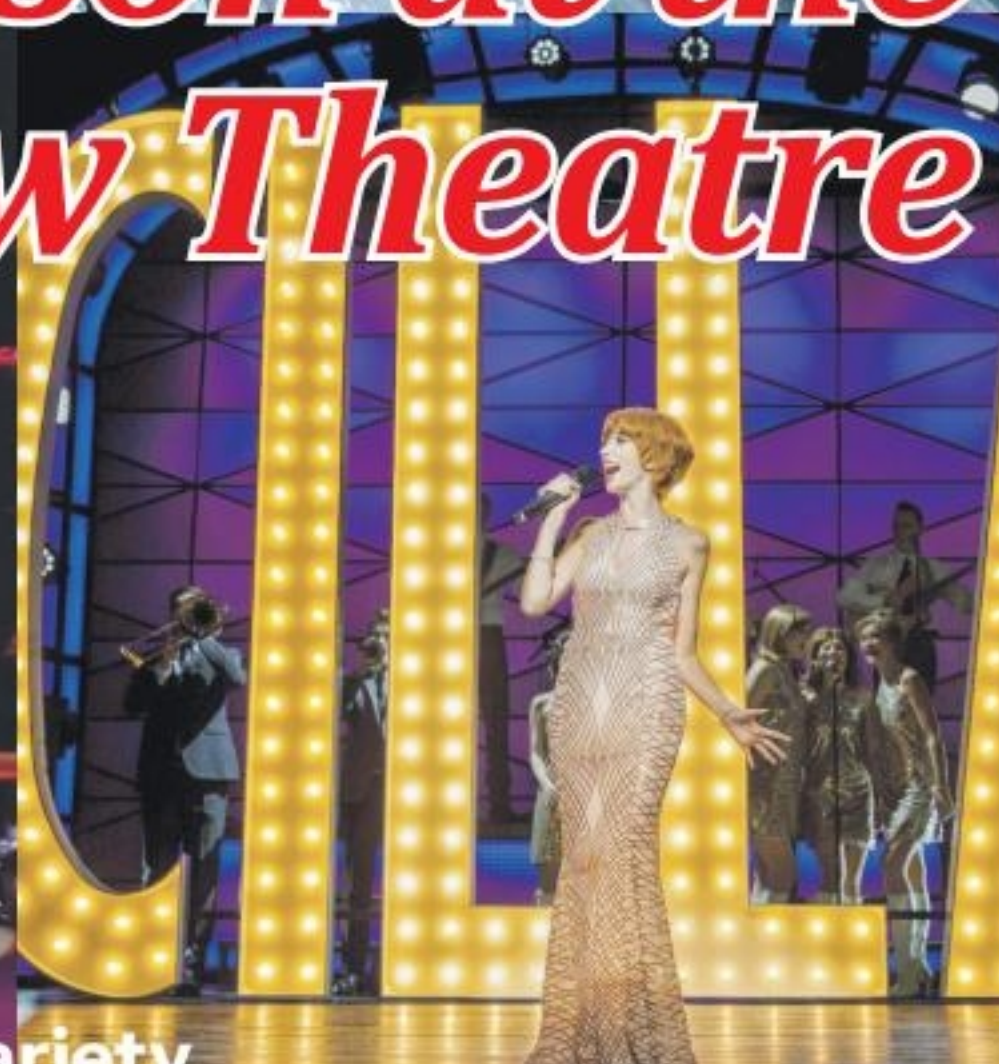
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Out About

Jorja's ready to light up R&B music

By Samantha McGregor

UP-COMING R&B singer songwriter Jorja Smith, who was nominated for a MOBO last year, is set to play at Oxford's O2 Academy.

She will take to the stage on Sunday, February 11, as part of a UK tour.

It all started for Jorja in January 2015 after she uploaded Blue Lights to Soundcloud, her self-released debut single.

Since the age of 16, she'd been writing stories through music; putting pen to paper about her observations of love and anger.

Blue Lights was written after watching Dizzee Rascal music videos during a break from her A-Level dissertation - titled Is Post-colonialism Still Present in Grime Music.

She said the song was inspired by the hostile situations innocent young black men were facing every day, not just in her hometown of Walsall but around the world.

Her song earned praise from Skrillex and Stormzy, and was also included on Drake's OVO radio

show.

Since then, Jorja has released her debut EP, Project 11, and gone on to create a name for herself as a gifted young R&B songwriter.

Last year she came fourth in BBC's Sound of 2017, and was nominated for a MOBO.

She is currently collaborating with the Toronto megastar Drake on Get It Together, featuring on his More Life project, and performing as a special guest at his UK headline shows.

This year she will also join Bruno Mars on his tour and release her debut album.

Jorja said: "I like 2018, because what does 2 plus 0 plus 1 plus 8 equal? Eleven. Which is my favourite number in the world. So, I think it's meant to be."

Jorja, 20, grew up in the industrial West Midlands town of Walsall - both her parents were musical. She started playing keyboard at the age of eight, and was learning to sing classical by secondary school.

Her mother was a jewellery maker, and her father - who is of Jamaican-origin - was a singer and songwriter in the neo-soul band 2nd Naicha.



On stage

New season at New Theatre unveiled

Now you've packed away the tinsel and eaten as much turkey as you can it's time to think about how to spend those drab February evenings.

The New Theatre has a whole host of attractions to lure you out - music, dance, comedy and even a film night.

Here's a brief look at what they've got on offer:

February 1 - The Johnny Cash Roadshow

February 3 - Frankly Sinatra

February 4 - Anton and Erin - From Broadway to Hollywood

February 7 - Banff Mountain Film Festival

February 9 - An Audience with Michael Bolton

February 10 - Someone Like You - The Adele Songbook

February 13-17 - Cilla - The Musical

February 20 - Richard Alston Dance Company

February 21 - Jonathan Pie: Back to the Studio

February 22 - Ellen Kent: Rigoletto

February 23&24 - Ellen Kent: Madama Butterfly

February 25-27 - Michael McIntyre: Work in Progress

February 28 - Variety night with Grayson Perry, Michael Parkinson, Gareth Malone and more

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Opera favourites to light up Oxford

By Samantha McGregor

AWARD-WINNING producer Ellen Kent returns to Oxford's New Theatre with two opera favourites.

The company will perform Verdi's *Rigoletto* on February 22, the dark opera they originally tried to ban.

And then on February 23 and 24, Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*, one of the world's most popular operas, will take to the stage.

Madama Butterfly introduces the celebrated soprano Maria HeeJung Kim from the Korean National Opera, Seoul, and the international soprano Alyona Kistenyova.

Madama Butterfly is Puccini's popular tale on which the hit West End musical *Miss Saigon* is based.

It tells the heart-breaking story of the beautiful young Japanese girl who falls in love with an American naval lieutenant – with dramatic results.

Highlights include the moving aria *One Fine Day* and the unforgettable *Love Duet*.

Rigoletto is a dramatic tale of the jester's daughter whose heart is stolen by a charming but unreliable ruler – and how her father's attempts to prevent the love affair lead to tragedy.

The opera was almost banned because it exposed the licentious behaviour of the powers-that-be at court.



It is based on a play by Victor Hugo, who wrote *Les Misérables*, and was originally called 'The King Who Amuses Himself'.

Officially it was banned because of its sexual content, but the reality was for political reasons as it made covert jabs at politicians of the time.

Verdi turned the tragedy into an opera and caused uproar at the time, he removed a rape scene and after a battle with Italian censors it was renamed the Opera, *Rigoletto*.

The operas will be conducted by Vasyl Vasylenko, who is the artistic director and conductor at the National President's Orchestra

of Ukraine, Kiev, and the guest conductor and artistic director of the National Opera of Moldova, Nicolae Dohotaru, along with 30 members of the National Ukrainian Orchestra.

Tickets can be purchased from the New Theatre box office on George Street, by calling 0844 871 3020 or go to atgtickets.com/oxford

On stage

Go on an adventure

The 2018 UK and Ireland Banff Mountain Film Festival will be at the New Theatre Oxford on February 7.

The tour features two different collections of new adventure films, starring the world's top explorers on mind-blowing journeys in wild and remote parts of the globe.

Programme highlights include *The Frozen Road*, featuring Yorkshireman Ben Page who embarked on a solo bike-packing journey in the Canadian Arctic, and *Dreamwalkers – The Faroes Project*, about four Dutch friends attempting to be the first people to highline in the desolate islands.

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All aboard ghost train

For a night of guitar Gods and classic rock anthems, join *Vampires Rocks – Ghost Train*, when it comes to the New Theatre on Saturday.

This rock-tastic, hilarious, musical concert is a tongue in cheek story taking the audience on a ride through some of the greatest classic rock anthems, including tracks from Queen, AC/DC, Meat Loaf, Journey, Bon Jovi, Guns n Roses and many more.

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Out About

The Americans invade Oxford

LOS ANGELES based outfit The Americans return to the UK for a whistle-stop tour including a date in Oxford.

Bringing their sound of vintage rock'n'roll, the band play The Bullingdon, in Cowley Road, on Tuesday, January 30 with support from Kashena Sampson.

Made up of Patrick Ferris on vocals and guitar, Zac Sokolow on guitar, Jake Faulkner on bass and Tim Carr on drums, percussion and organ.

Currently riding high on the success of their debut album I'll Be Yours, which was released last year, The Americans also performed at Celtic Connections and the UK Americana Music Awards.

Having started out as a roots band enthralled by pre-war American country and blues, they have evolved into an amalgamation of those influences, injected with some rock'n'roll.

The Americans' transition to an original rock band didn't happen overnight.

Struggling to finish songs in time for their recording session, Patrick would drive around late at night looking for hourly motels where he would check in to write.

He said: "I wrote a lot of the album in those rooms. Not necessarily for inspiration, but for the sense of urgency they provided."

He described nights sitting on the edge of a giant, heart-shaped



bed, singing softly into a recording machine, others when he was interrupted by fights in the hallway, romantic couples in a neighbouring room, or loud knockings on his door.

He said: "We write our songs inside-out. We grab hold of something minuscule and primitive—a simple turn of phrase or an unusual beat—and try to build a song around it."

"It can be inefficient, and hard to write words over, but it's magical when it works."

The Americans were plucked from obscurity by Jack White, T Bone Burnett and Robert Redford to appear in the recent PBS/BBC4

series American Epic.

Featuring artists such as Beck, Elton John, Nas, Willie Nelson, Alabama Shakes, the film reconstructs the story of the first American music in the 1920s and re-assembled the recording apparatus that was used at the time.

As experts in early music, The Americans were invited in to figure out the equipment and make the first recordings.

Once the sessions were under way, they functioned as the house band, backing up various artists and suggesting songs to the filmmakers.

For more information go to thebullingdon.co.uk

Walk the Line with Johnny



THE spirit of Johnny Cash is alive and kicking with a stage show celebrating the music of the legend.

The Johnny Cash Roadshow takes to the New Theatre stage for one night only on Thursday, February 1.

This show promises to be "fire-cracking" entertainment from the first note, delivering an inspired set of cherished numbers.

The stage lights up with a colourful explosion of energy, against a striking backdrop of classic screen imagery of the 'real deal'.

Clive John captures the essence of Cash with exceptional style and confidence.

His deep, distinctive vocals are spot on, evoking pure country magic with Walk the Line, Folsom Prison Blues and A Thing Called Love.

The Johnny Cash Roadshow is a

treat for country music lovers and die-hard Cash fans alike.

Johnny Cash was an American singer/songwriter who was one of the best-selling musicians of all time – selling more than 90 million records worldwide.

He led a controversial life and during his career performed for free in some American prisons, his most famous was January 1, 1958, when he performed at San Quentin State Prison and recorded a live album there.

The Johnny Cash Show is a heart-warming story played out with genuine passion and a wonderful celebration of one of world's greatest known artists.

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The London Classic Car Show, now in its fourth year, is the must attend event for all classic car enthusiasts, celebrating the very best of automotive culture and nostalgia. Visitors will be able to experience over 700 classic cars at the show including some of the most legendary 'Getaway cars' from automotive history, used by some of popular culture's most infamous criminals, in one of the show's most hotly anticipated feature areas to date.

The Grand Avenue will make a return this year, paying homage to

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The show will also celebrate the work and career of an unsung hero of British motor racing with the presentation of the Icon Award, marvelling at their triumphs and achievements through the years. This year's icon remains a closely guarded secret and will be announced in the coming weeks.

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It's been ten years since I regularly graced TV screens helping transform people's living spaces with MDF and stripped floorboards. Recently it's been more "celebrity muck out" than "celebrity make-over" as I took up the challenge of owning my own Wildlife Zoo in Tenby. In this time I've learnt quite a lot about fences and having researched the various options for my own benefit I thought I would share my knowledge with a wider audience.

The latest design processes

mean there is now a tremendous array of fencing products for you to choose from, constructed from a variety of materials. Each has its own attributes, and ultimately it can often come down to a matter of personal preference. For me, there was one unique system that stood out as providing the best balance between price and functionality which eradicates fencing problems for good. Or for at least 25 years. Colourfence. For quality, value, longevity, aesthetic design, this fencing system ticks all the boxes. Fencing made for

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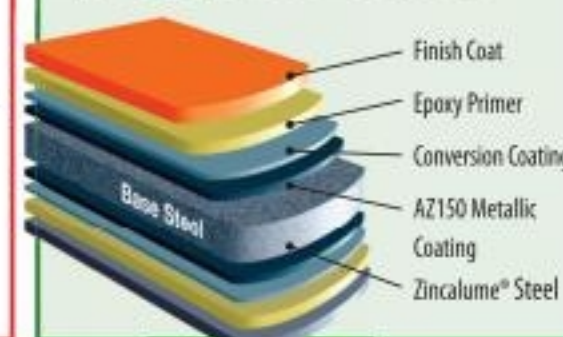
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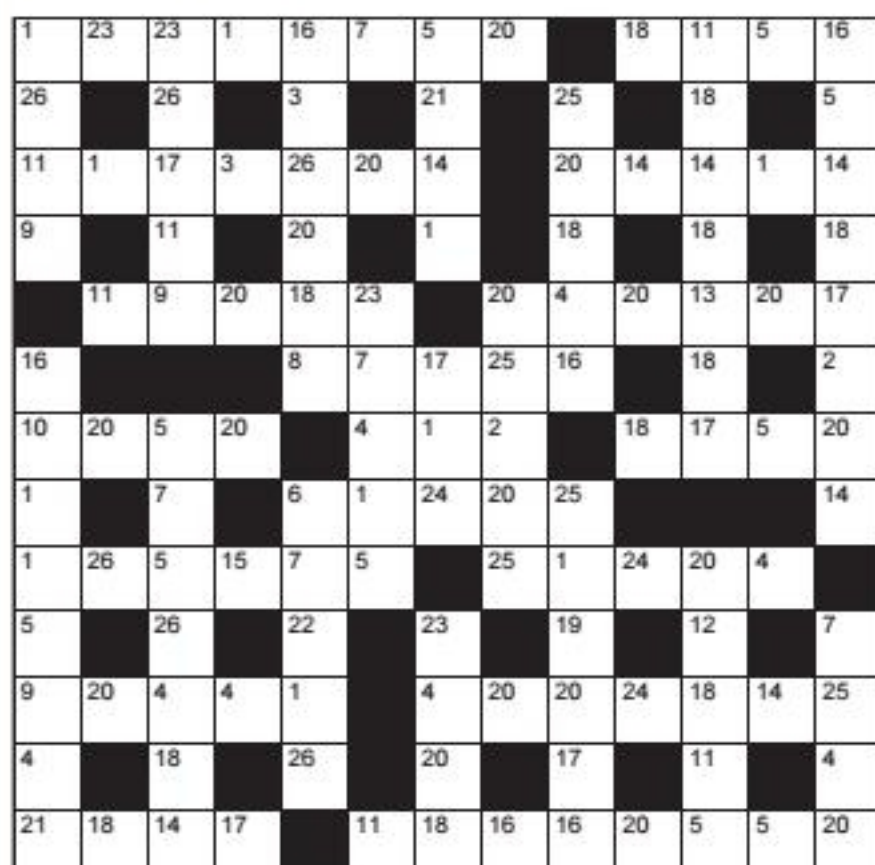
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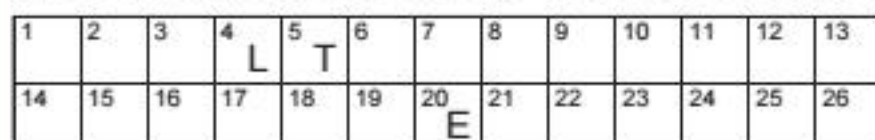


Your weekly puzzle challenge

CROSS CODE



ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ



Each number in our Cross Code grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. You have three letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares.

As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

MAGIC SQUARE

COMMONERS SCATTER

Using all 16 letters of the phrase above, form four words each of four letters which will fit in the grid to form a magic square in which the words can be read both horizontally and vertically.



Quiz Challenge

- Which London department store shares its name with a human rights pressure group?
- Which now-defunct club was the first beneficiary of automatic promotion to the Football League in 1987?
- What word would you have typed into Google to get the response "did you mean nag a ram"?
- The name of which one-word African country contains all five vowels?
- Which gemstone provided the title of a 1969 film thriller directed by Alfred Hitchcock?
- Which major seaport is the second most-populated city in Bangladesh after the capital Dhaka?
- In which city did Jessica Ennis-Hill win an Olympic gold medal in the heptathlon?
- The Jew of Malta, Doctor Faustus and Edward II were plays by which contemporary of Shakespeare?
- Prior to becoming governor of the Bank of England, Mark Carney was the governor of the central bank of which country?
- If the US presidents were listed alphabetically by surname, who would be last?

NONAGRAM



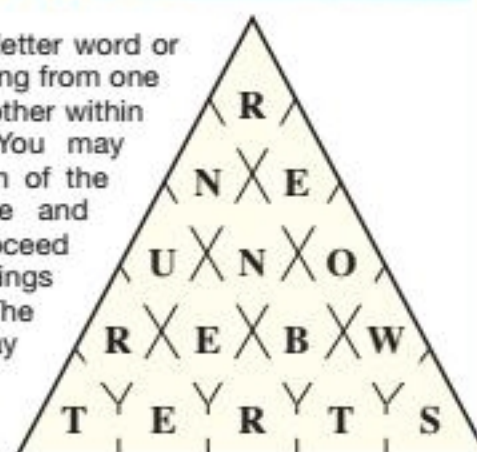
How many words of four letters or more can you make from this Nonagram? Each word must use the central letter, and each letter may be used only once. At least one word using all nine letters can be found.

Guidelines: 16 Good; 19 Very Good; 22 Excellent.

Any word found in the Concise Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated words; contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; variant spellings of the same word (where another variant is also eligible).

WORD PYRAMID

Spell out a 15-letter word or phrase by moving from one chamber to another within the pyramid. You may only enter each of the chambers once and may only proceed through openings in the walls. The first letter may appear in any chamber.

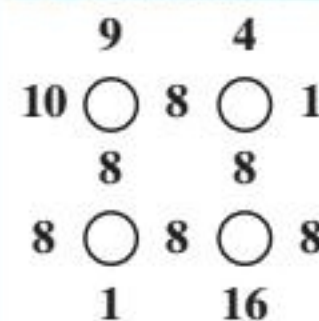


FIVE ALIVE



Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid – but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

EQUALISER

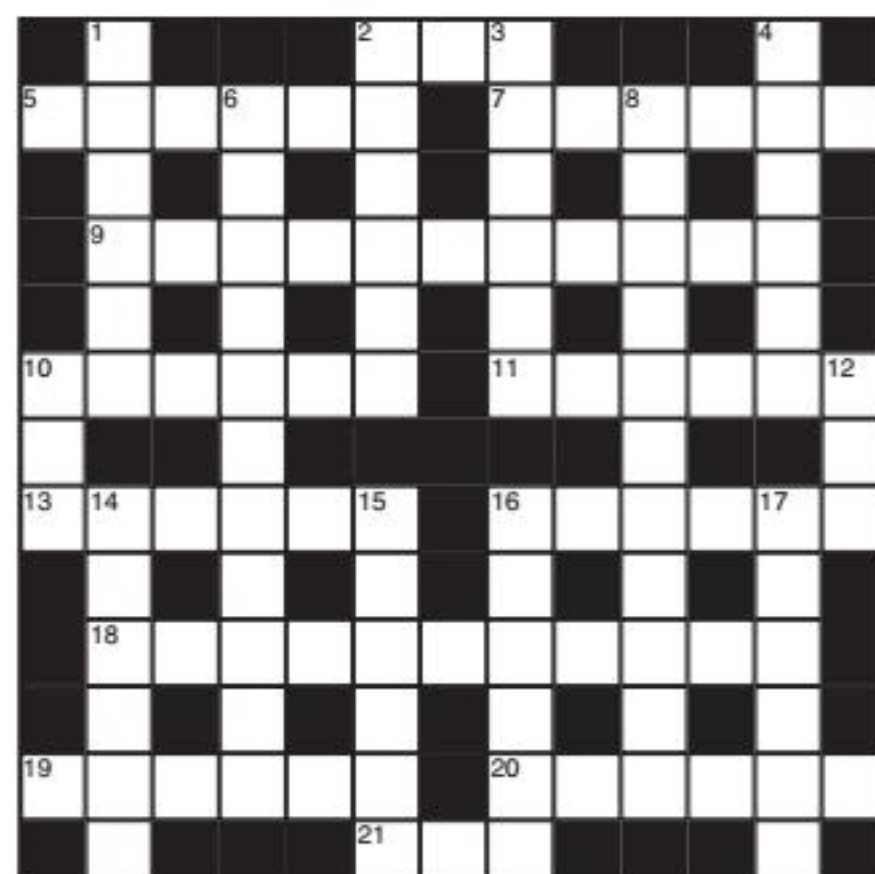


Place the four signs (add, subtract, multiply, divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same. Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



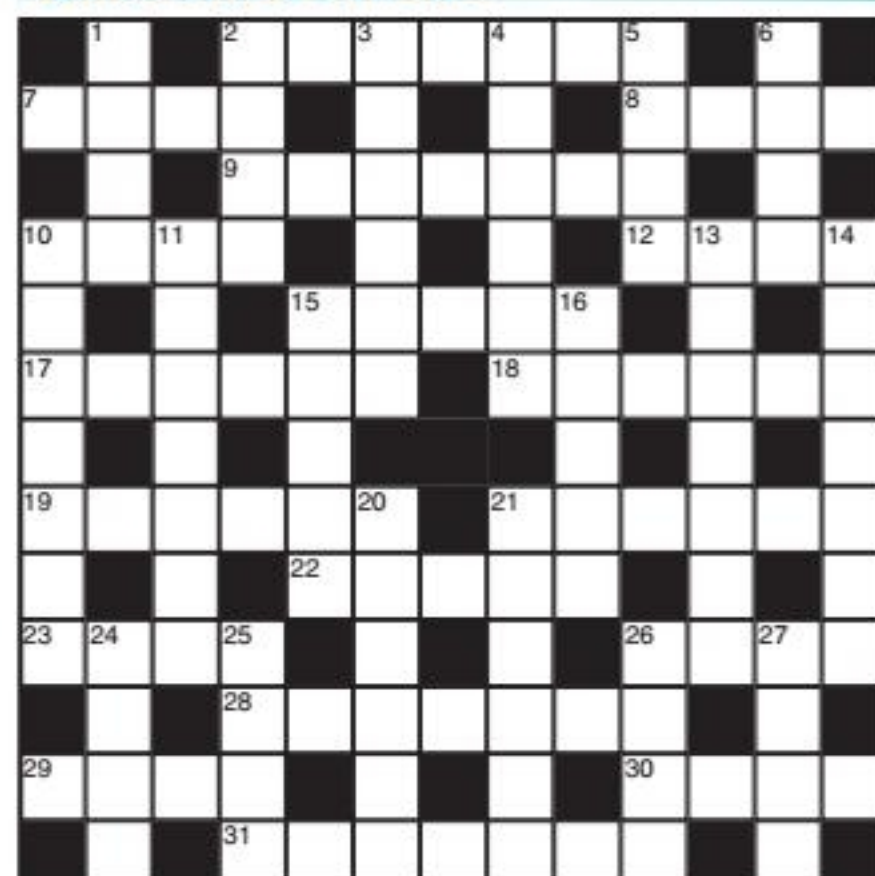
ACROSS

- Enemy east of the Foreign Office (3)
- Kick off with teenager and old dragon (6)
- A ship's company is heard to profit (6)
- The foreign lady takes in lieutenant's film (11)
- Worn out by eating? (6)
- Turn right out of long passage for kitchen (6)
- Prepare for performance by sheep holding 9 Across (4,2)
- Demon drink? (6)
- Mark of honour or discrimination (11)
- The German general first to discover sex (6)
- Look upon with favour (6)
- Use another girl (3)

DOWN

- Of course he is a sportsman (6)
- Compelled to use violence on daughter (6)
- I grew a ghastly insect (6)
- Child of five with this French fruit (6)
- Had too much on? (11)
- Moaning is simple during Advent (11)
- Consume some meat pies (3)
- Still on the other hand (3)
- Skimpily clothing I send around after you, say (6)
- New perils coming from pincers (6)
- Safe from rescue (6)
- Pay no attention to wrong region (6)

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Specialised in a particular subject (7)
- Mother (4)
- Askew (4)
- Tetanus (7)
- Gateau (4)
- Tidings (4)
- Fries (anag.) (5)
- Innate gift (6)
- Child (inf.) (6)
- Rule out (6)
- Posture (6)

- Pool of money (5)
- North Wales resort (4)
- Waistband (4)
- Core (7)
- Shine intensely (4)
- Back of neck (4)
- Late (7)
- Information (4)
- Masculine (4)
- Short coat (6)
- Retort (6)
- Sunrise (4)

- Forehead (4)
- Terrace (anag.) (7)
- Spoilsport (7)
- Outlay (7)
- Snake (7)
- Light meal (5)
- Half a century (5)
- Glittery garlands (6)
- Mean (6)
- Aperture (4)
- Obscene (4)
- Curve (4)
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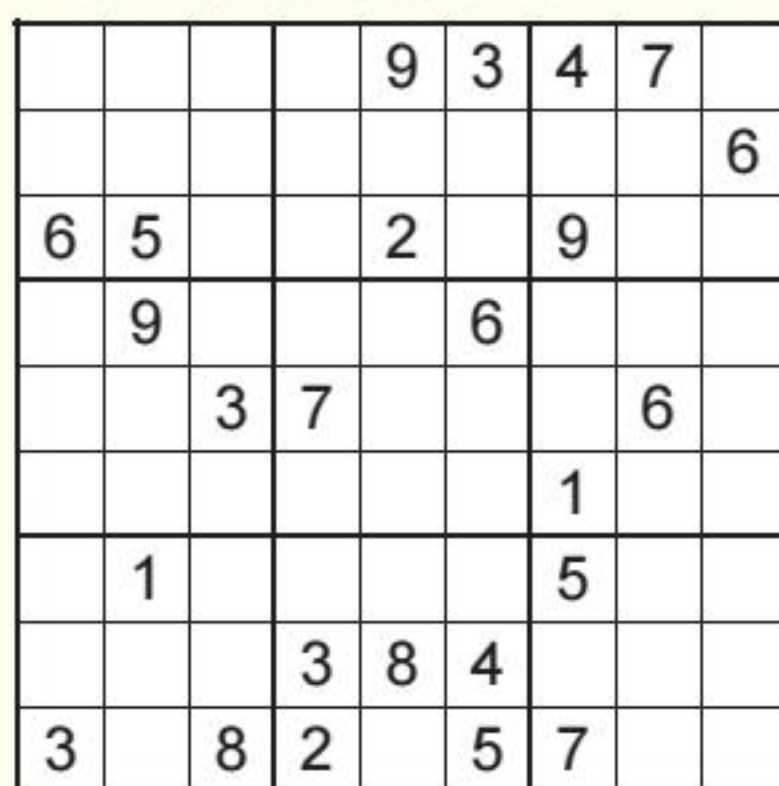
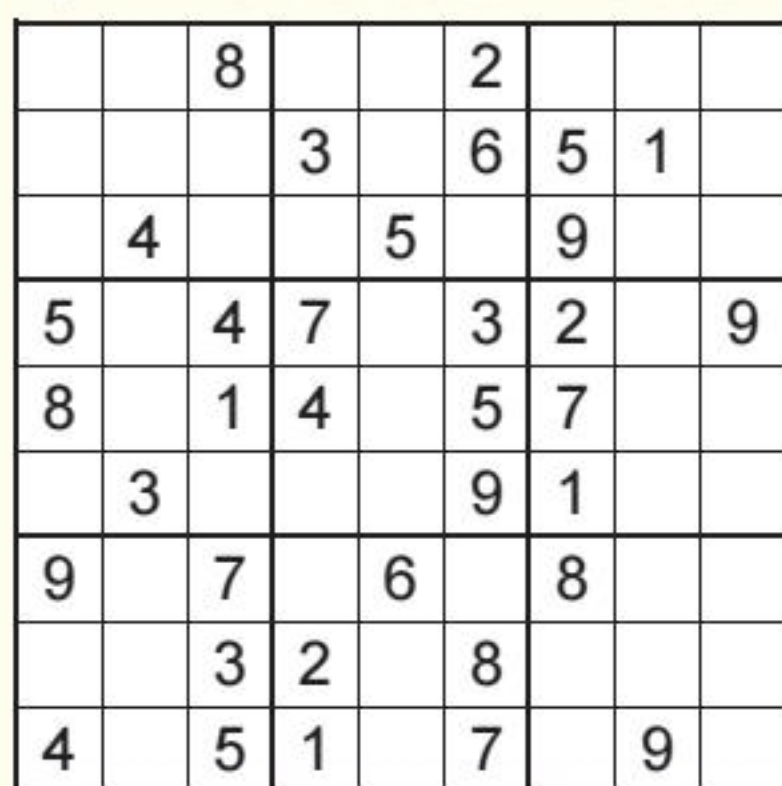
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Easy

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

Hard



SOLUTIONS

CROSS CODE
 Across – 2 Foe; 5 Komodo; 7 Accrue; 9 Frenchwoman; 10 Eroded; 11 Galaxy; 13 Tune up; 16 Split; 18 Distinction; 19 Gender; 20 Regard; 21 Sue.
 Down – 1 Galleon; 2 Forced; 3 Earwig; 4 Quince; 5 Overdressed; 8 Ignoring; 9 Achy; 10 Acre; 11 Arch; 12 Archer; 13 Archery; 14 Archery; 15 Archery; 16 Archery; 17 Archery; 18 Archery; 19 Archery; 20 Archery; 21 Archery; 22 Archery; 23 Archery; 24 Archery; 25 Archery; 26 Archery; 27 Archery; 28 Archery; 29 Archery; 30 Archery; 31 Archery.

NONAGRAM
 Across – Chips; Vogue; Title.
 Down – Draft; Tramp; Medic.

COMMONERS SCATTER
 Using all 16 letters of the phrase above, form four words each of four letters which will fit in the grid to form a magic square in which the words can be read both horizontally and vertically.

MAGIC SQUARE
 Using all 16 letters of the phrase above, form four words each of four letters which will fit in the grid to form a magic square in which the words can be read both horizontally and vertically.

WORD PYRAMID
 Spell out a 15-letter word or phrase by moving from one chamber to another within the pyramid. You may only enter each of the chambers once and may only proceed through openings in the walls. The first letter may appear in any chamber.

FIVE ALIVE
 Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid – but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

EQUALISER
 Place the four signs (add, subtract, multiply, divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same. Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

QUICK CROSSWORD
 Across – 2 Foe; 5 Komodo; 7 Accrue; 9 Frenchwoman; 10 Eroded; 11 Galaxy; 13 Tune up; 16 Split; 18 Distinction; 19 Gender; 20 Regard; 21 Sue.
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD
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Thursday January 18th

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

2.15pm
Father Brown

9.15am Rip Off Britain
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under
11.45am Close Calls: On Camera

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Father Brown
3.00pm Escape to the Country
3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm EastEnders
8.00pm Big Cats
9.00pm Death in Paradise
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.30pm Regional News and Weather
10.45pm Question Time
11.45pm This Week
12.30am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.35am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

8.00pm
Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure

7.15am Antiques Road Trip
8.00am MasterChef: The Professionals
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

12.00pm The Daily Politics
1.00pm Masters Snooker
4.45pm More Creatures Great and Small
5.15pm Flog It!

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm Great British Railway Journeys
7.00pm Masters Snooker
8.00pm Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure
9.00pm A House Through Time
10.00pm The Mash Report
10.30pm Newsnight
11.15pm Masters Snooker Highlights
12.05am Masters Snooker Extra
2.05am A House Through Time
3.05am Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure
4.05am This is BBC Two

ITV

11.45pm
Lethal Weapon

8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

12.30pm Loose Women
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.55pm ITV News London
2.00pm Judge Rinder
3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm 'Dr Google': Do DIY Diagnoses Work? Tonight
8.00pm Emmerdale
8.30pm The Cruise
9.00pm Transformation Street
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
10.45pm Great Art
11.45pm Lethal Weapon
12.35am Jackpot247

Channel 4

8.00pm
George Clarke's Amazing Spaces

7.10am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11.00am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me
1.05pm Posh Pawn
2.10pm Countdown
3.00pm Village of the Year
4.00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
5.00pm Four in a Bed
5.30pm Extreme Cake Makers

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
8.00pm George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
9.00pm Hunted
10.00pm Derry Girls
10.35pm The Undateables
11.35pm Working Class White Men
12.35am The Secret Life of the Zoo
1.30am How to Lose Weight Well
2.25am Location, Location, Location
3.20am Coast v Country
4.15am The Autistic Gardener

Channel 5

2.15pm NCIS



8.20am Rusty Rivets
8.35am Shimmer and Shine
8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.05am Mofy
9.15am The Wright Stuff
11.15am GPs: Behind Closed Doors

12.10pm 5 News Lunchtime
12.15pm The Hotel Inspector Returns
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.15pm NCIS
3.15pm Her Dark Past
5.00pm 5 News at 5
5.30pm Neighbours

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm Baby Ballroom
8.00pm Big Family Values: More Kids Than Cash
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
10.00pm Celebrity 100% Hotter!
11.05pm Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
12.00am Super Casino
3.10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors
4.00am Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Wildlife SOS

Friday January 19th

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

9.30pm Mrs. Brown's Boys



9.15am Rip Off Britain
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under
11.45am Close Calls: On Camera

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Father Brown
3.00pm Escape to the Country
3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm A Question of Sport
8.00pm EastEnders
8.30pm Room 101
9.00pm Would I Lie to You?
9.30pm Mrs. Brown's Boys
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.25pm Regional News and Weather
10.35pm The Graham Norton Show
11.25pm Witless
11.55pm Chinese Burn
12.20am Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC 2

8.30pm A Vicar's Life



7.15am Antiques Road Trip
8.00am MasterChef: The Professionals
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

12.00pm The Daily Politics
1.00pm Masters Snooker
4.45pm More Creatures Great and Small
5.15pm Flog It!

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm Great British Railway Journeys
7.00pm Masters Snooker
8.00pm Mastermind
8.30pm A Vicar's Life
9.00pm Monty Don's Paradise Gardens
10.00pm QI
10.30pm Newsnight
11.05pm Masters Snooker Highlights
11.55pm Masters Snooker Extra
1.55am Panorama
2.25am Rome Unpacked
3.25am Inside the Factory
4.25am This is BBC Two

ITV

8.00pm River Monsters



8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

12.30pm Loose Women
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.55pm ITV News London
2.00pm Judge Rinder
3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Coronation Street
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8.30pm Coronation Street
9.00pm Lethal Weapon
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
10.45pm Through the Keyhole
11.45pm Take Me Out
12.45am Jackpot247
Alphabetical
3.50am ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

6.00pm The Simpsons



7.10am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11.00am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me
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6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
8.00pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
9.00pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
10.00pm Gogglebox
11.20pm First Dates Hotel
12.20am Spring Breakers
The Simpsons
2.25am The Simpsons
2.50am Kiri
3.45am Grand Designs

Channel 5

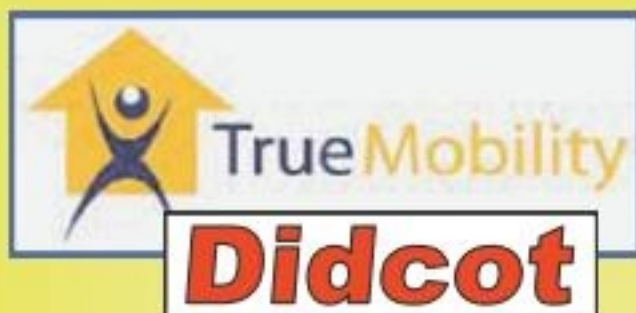
8.00pm Costa Del Celebrity



8.20am Rusty Rivets
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12.10pm 5 News Lunchtime
12.15pm The Hotel Inspector
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.15pm NCIS
3.15pm Shoot to Kill
5.00pm 5 News at 5
5.30pm Neighbours

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm The Wine Show
8.00pm Costa Del Celebrity
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
10.00pm Will and Grace
10.30pm Celebrity Big Brother
11.00pm Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
12.00am Super Casino
3.10am Celebrity Big Brother
4.00am Celebrity Big Brother
4.25am Lip Sync Battle UK
4.45am House Doctor

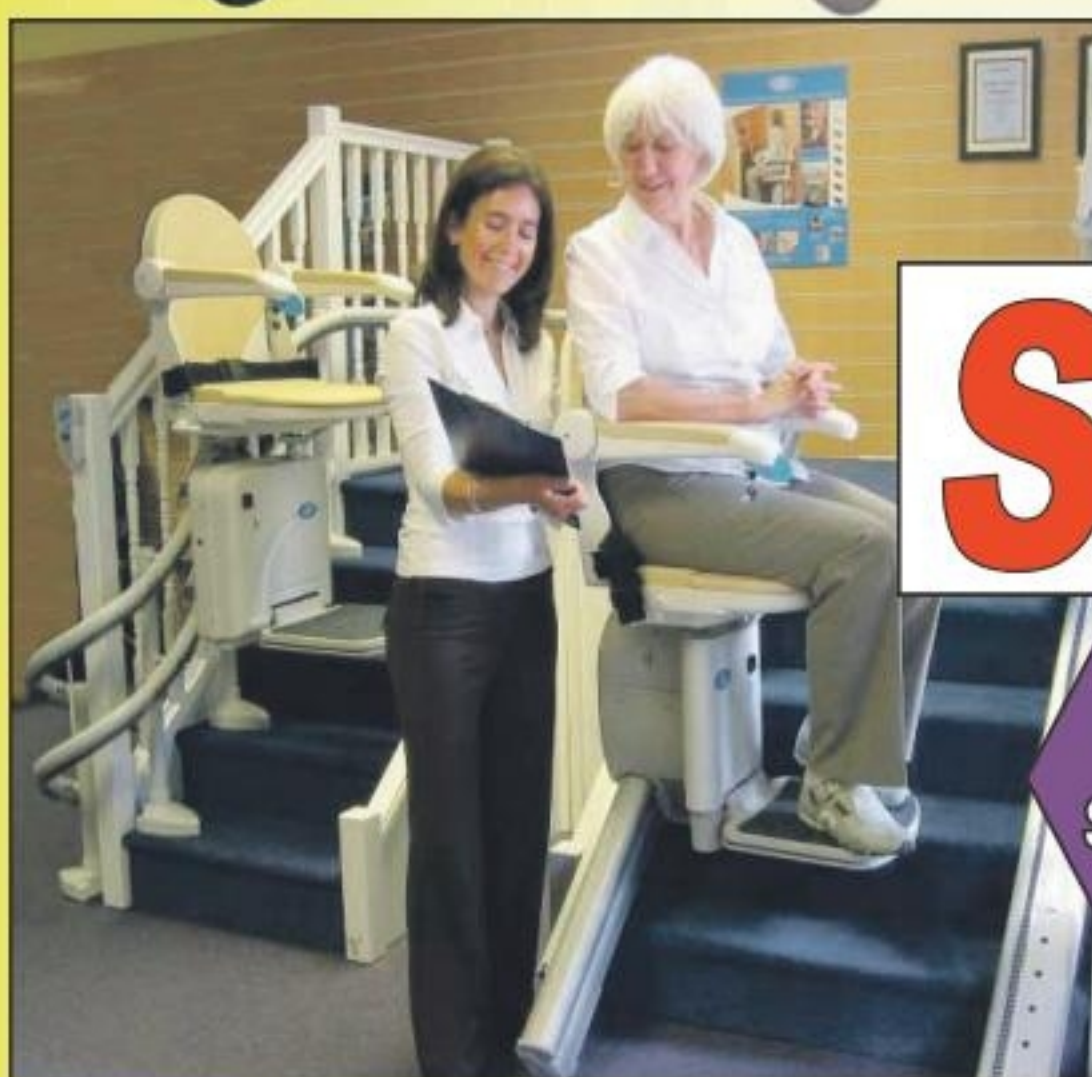


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Saturday January 20th

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

9.30pm
Hard Sun

6.00am Breakfast
10.00am Saturday Kitchen Live
11.30am Mary Berry Everyday

12.00pm Football Focus
1.00pm BBC News
1.15pm Masters Snooker
4.30pm Final Score
5.30pm BBC News
5.40pm Regional News and Weather
5.50pm And They're Off... for Sport Relief

6.30pm Pointless
7.20pm Wedding Day Winners
8.20pm Casualty
9.10pm BBC News
9.30pm Hard Sun
10.30pm Match of the Day
12.00am The NFL Show
12.30am Papadopoulos and Sons
2.15am Weather for the Week Ahead
2.20am BBC News

BBC 2

6.00pm
Hugh's Wild West

8.00am The Dengineers
8.30am Deadly Top 10
9.00am Robot Wars
10.00am Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge
11.00am Snow Wolf Family and Me

12.00pm Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure
1.00pm A Vicar's Life
1.30pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble
2.30pm Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
3.00pm Tennis
4.30pm Masters Snooker
5.30pm Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good

6.00pm Hugh's Wild West
7.00pm Masters Snooker
10.30pm QI XL
11.15pm Performance Live: I Told My Mum I Was Going on an Re Trip
12.00am Masters Snooker Extra
2.00am This is BBC Two
6.15am A to Z of TV Gardening
6.35am The Instant Gardener

ITV

6.45pm
Take Me Out

8.30am Be Cool, Scooby-Doo
9.05am Wishart
9.25am ITV News
9.30am Saturday Morning with James Martin
11.20am The Hungry Sailors

12.20pm Countrywise
12.50pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.00pm Dancing on Ice
3.00pm Celebrity Catchphrase
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm ITV News London
6.05pm ITV News
6.20pm You've Been Framed!
6.45pm Take Me Out
8.00pm The Voice UK
9.30pm Through the Keyhole
10.30pm ITV News
10.45pm Jaws 3
12.15am Jackpot247
3.00am Babushka
3.50am ITV Nightscreen
6.00am Sooty
6.10am Bottom Knocker Street
6.20am Bottom Knocker Street

Channel 4

9.00pm Sicario



7.15am King of Queens
7.40am Everybody Loves Raymond
9.05am Frasier
10.35am The Big Bang Theory

12.00pm The Simpsons
12.30pm The Simpsons
1.00pm The Simpsons
1.25pm Come Dine with Me
2.25pm Coast v Country
3.25pm A Place in the Sun
4.30pm A Place in the Sun
5.30pm The Secret Life of the Zoo
6.30pm Channel 4 News
7.00pm Great Canal Journeys
8.00pm Village of the Year

9.00pm Sicario
11.25pm Salt
1.10am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
2.05am The Lie Detective
2.45am Hollyoaks Omnibus
4.50am The Autistic Gardener
5.45am Draw it!
6.10am Jamie's Comfort Food
6.20am King of Queens
6.45am King of Queens

Channel 5

6.05pm
The Wonderful World of Puppies

9.45am Peppa Pig
10.05am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10.40am Pets Make You Laugh
11.05am Police Interceptors

12.05pm Police Interceptors: The Fatal Four
1.05pm The A-Team
2.05pm The A-Team
3.10pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
4.10pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
5.10pm Rich House, Poor House

6.05pm The Wonderful World of Puppies
7.00pm Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!
8.00pm Blind Date
9.00pm Football on 5
9.55pm Football on 5
10.25pm Celebrity Big Brother
11.30pm The X Files
12.15am Super Casino
3.10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors
4.00am Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Wildlife SOS

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Sunday January 21st

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

9.00pm
McMafia



6.00am Breakfast
7.30am Match of the Day
9.00am The Andrew Marr Show
10.00am The Big Questions
11.00am Sunday Politics

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News
1.15pm Money for Nothing
2.15pm Escape to the Country
3.15pm Lifeline
3.25pm Big Cats
4.25pm Songs of Praise
5.00pm The Coronation
6.00pm BBC News
6.20pm Regional News and Weather

6.30pm Countryfile
7.30pm Still Open All Hours
8.00pm Call the Midwife
9.00pm McMafia
10.00pm BBC News
10.20pm Regional News and Weather
10.30pm Match of the Day 2
11.20pm Man Like Mobeen
11.40pm Man Like Mobeen
12.05am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.10am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

5.15pm
Ski Sunday



7.20am Gardeners' World
7.50am Greatest Gardens
8.20am Monty Don's Paradise Gardens
9.20am Countryfile
10.15am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
11.45am Food and Drink

12.15pm MOTD2 Extra
1.00pm Masters Snooker
5.15pm Ski Sunday

6.00pm Tennis
7.00pm Masters Snooker
11.00pm The Mash Report
11.30pm Insert Name Here
12.00am All Good Things
1.35am Good Morning Karachi
3.00am Question Time
4.00am Holby City
4.55am This is BBC Two
6.00am Flog it! Trade Secrets
6.30am The Farmers' Country Showdown

ITV

8.10pm Vera



9.05am Wishart
9.25am ITV News
9.30am River Monsters
10.00am Peston on Sunday
11.00am The Martin Lewis Money Show
11.25am The Voice UK

12.55pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.00pm Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury
1.30pm Britain's Brightest Family
2.00pm The Cruise
2.30pm Kindergarten Cop
4.35pm ITV News London
4.45pm ITV News
5.00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special

6.00pm Dancing on Ice
8.10pm Vera
10.10pm ITV News
10.25pm Peston on Sunday
11.25pm Next of Kin
12.20am Great Art
1.10am Jackpot247
3.00am Sunday Night at the Palladium
3.50am ITV Nightscreen
5.05am The Jeremy Kyle Show
6.00am Good Morning Britain

Channel 4

8.00pm
The Biggest Little Railway in the World



7.10am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.00am Frasier
9.30am Sunday Brunch

12.30pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
1.30pm The Simpsons
2.00pm The Simpsons
2.30pm The Simpsons
3.00pm Capture the Flag
4.50pm Aladdin

6.35pm Channel 4 News
7.00pm Posh Pawn
8.00pm The Biggest Little Railway in the World
9.00pm SAS: Who Dares Wins
10.00pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
10.55pm Season of the Witch
12.45am Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners
1.40am The Lie Detective
2.25am Grand Designs
3.20am Location, Location, Location
4.15am KOTV Boxing Weekly
4.45am Coast v Country

Channel 5

6.00pm
Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves



9.15am Shimmer and Shine
9.30am Digby Dragon
9.40am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10.15am Football on 5
11.10am Football on 5
11.45am Police Interceptors

12.45pm Pixels
2.35pm Big Daddy
4.20pm Mr. Deeds
5.20pm Five News Update
5.25pm Mr. Deeds

6.00pm Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves
7.00pm Five News Update
7.05pm Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves
8.55pm 5 News Weekend
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
10.00pm Life as We Know it
12.15am That's My Boy
2.15am Super Casino
3.10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors
4.00am Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Wildlife SOS
5.35am Divine Designs
6.00am Puffin Rock

Monday January 22nd

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

9.00pm
Silent Witness



9.15am Rip Off Britain
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under
11.45am AI: Britain's Longest Road

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Father Brown
3.00pm Escape to the Country
3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm Inside Out
8.00pm EastEnders
8.30pm Panorama
9.00pm Silent Witness
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.30pm Regional News and Weather
10.45pm Have I Got Old News for You
11.15pm New Tricks
12.15am The Graham Norton Show
1.00am Weather for the Week Ahead
1.05am BBC News

BBC 2

7.00pm
Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby



7.15am Antiques Road Trip
8.00am Antiques Roadshow
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

12.00pm The Daily Politics
1.00pm Bowls
4.45pm Tennis
5.30pm Flog It!

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm Great American Railroad Journeys
7.00pm Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
8.00pm Only Connect
8.30pm University Challenge
9.00pm Surgeons: At the Edge of Life
10.00pm Insert Name Here
10.30pm Newsnight
11.15pm Millionaires' Ex-Wives Club
12.15am Bowls
1.15am Countryfile
2.10am Big Cats

ITV

9.00pm
Next of Kin



8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

12.30pm Loose Women
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.55pm ITV News London
2.00pm Judge Rinder
3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Coronation Street
8.00pm The Martin Lewis Money Show
8.30pm Coronation Street
9.00pm Next of Kin
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
10.45pm Britain's Favourite Dogs: Top 100
1.00am Jackpot247
3.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show
3.55am ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

10.00pm
First Dates Hotel



7.10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
7.35am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11.00am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me
1.05pm Posh Pawn
2.10pm Countdown
3.00pm Village of the Year
4.00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
5.00pm Four in a Bed
5.30pm Extreme Cake Makers

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
7.30pm Dispatches
8.00pm How to Lose Weight Well
9.00pm The Undateables
10.00pm First Dates Hotel
11.05pm Derry Girls
11.40pm Hunted
12.40am SAS: Who Dares Wins
1.30am The Supertv
2.25am The Lie Detective
3.10am Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge

Channel 5

8.00pm
Police Interceptors



8.20am Rusty Rivets
8.35am Shimmer and Shine
8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.05am Mofy
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11.15am Cowboy Builders

12.10pm 5 News Lunchtime
12.15pm The Hotel Inspector
1.05pm Access
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.15pm NCIS
3.15pm A Stranger with My Kids
5.00pm 5 News at 5
5.30pm Neighbours

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm Car Crash TV
8.00pm Police Interceptors
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
10.00pm Extraordinary People
11.05pm Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
12.05am Celebrity Botched Up Bodies
1.00am Super Casino
3.10am Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh
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10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under
11.45am AI: Britain's Longest Road

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Father Brown
3.00pm Escape to the Country
3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm EastEnders
8.00pm Holby City
9.00pm Silent Witness
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.30pm Regional News and Weather
10.45pm Love and Hate Crime
11.45pm Stacey Dooley Investigates
12.45am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.50am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

6.30pm
Great American Railroad Journeys

7.15am Antiques Road Trip
8.00am Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

12.00pm The Daily Politics
1.00pm Bowls
4.45pm Tennis
5.30pm Flog It!

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm Great American Railroad Journeys
7.00pm Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
8.00pm Sue Perkins and the Chimp Sanctuary
9.00pm House of Saud: A Family at War
10.00pm Inside No 9
10.30pm Newsnight
11.15pm NFL
12.05am Bowls
1.05am Surgeons: At the Edge of Life
2.05am The Real Marigold on Tour

ITV

10.50pm
Girlfriends

8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

12.30pm Loose Women
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.55pm ITV News London
2.00pm Judge Rinder
3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm The National Television Awards 2018
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.35pm ITV News London
10.50pm Girlfriends
11.50pm Transformation Street
12.40am Jackpot247
3.00am Loose Women
3.50am ITV Nightscreen
5.05am The Jeremy Kyle Show
6.00am Good Morning Britain

Channel 4

10.00pm Inside Bentley: A Great British Motor Car



7.10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
7.35am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11.00am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me
1.05pm Posh Pawn
2.10pm Countdown
3.00pm Village of the Year
4.00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
5.00pm Four in a Bed
5.30pm Extreme Cake Makers

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
8.00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo
9.00pm 24 Hours in A and E
10.00pm Inside Bentley: A Great British Motor Car
11.00pm Before We Die
12.15am Naked Attraction
1.10am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
2.00am How to Lose Weight Well
3.00am The Secrets of Sleep
3.55am Coast v Country

Channel 5

12.15pm The Hotel Inspector



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9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
10.00pm One Night with My Ex
11.05pm Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
12.05am Celebrity Big Brother
1.00am Super Casino
3.10am Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords

Wednesday January 24th

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

9.00pm
Miriam's Big American Adventure

9.15am Rip Off Britain
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
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6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
8.00pm EastEnders
8.30pm Would I Lie to You?
9.00pm Miriam's Big American Adventure
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.30pm Regional News and Weather
10.45pm A Question of Sport
11.15pm And They're Off... for Sport Relief
12.00am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.05am BBC News

BBC 2

10.00pm
Mock the Week

7.15am Antiques Road Trip
8.00am Fern Britton Meets...
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live
11.30am The Daily Politics

1.00pm Lifeline
1.10pm Bowls
4.45pm Tennis
5.30pm Flog It!

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm Great American Railroad Journeys
7.00pm Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
8.00pm Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good
8.30pm Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
9.00pm Stealing Van Gogh
10.00pm Mock the Week
10.30pm Newsnight
11.15pm Inside the Factory
12.15am Bowls
1.15am Michael Palin: A Life on Screen

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8.00pm Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it
9.00pm Kiri
10.00pm 999: What's Your Emergency?
11.05pm 24 Hours in A and E
12.05am Pokerstars Championship Cash Challenge
1.00am A Fantastic Fear of Everything
2.40am Dispatches
3.10am Walking Through Time
4.10am Location, Location, Location
5.05am Coast v Country

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4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Wildlife SOS
5.35am Divine Designs

Are Oxford's Landlords selling their Buy-To-Lets?

Bill Cooper, co-author of *The Oxford Property Blog* and managing director of Martin & Co, Oxford



I was recently reading a report by the Home website which suggested that hordes of landlords are selling their buy-to-let investments due to increasing burdens on them in the buy-to-let market. Their findings suggest the number of new properties that came onto the market nationally (for sale) jumped by 11% across the UK as a result.

Those increasing burdens include new tax rules coming in over the next 3 to 4 years and the announcement that all self-managing landlords (i.e. landlords that don't use a letting agent to look after their buy-to-let property) will soon need to register with a compulsory redress scheme to resolve tenant arguments and disputes; as Westminster wants to heighten standards in the Private Rented Sector.

Interestingly I was chatting with

a self-managed landlord from Sandford-on-Thames, when I was out socially over the festive period, who didn't realise the other recent legislation that has hit the Private Rented sector, including the 'Right to Rent' regulations which came into operation last year. Landlords now have to certify their tenants have the legal right to live in the UK. This includes checking and taking copies of their tenant's passport and valid visa before the tenancy is signed. If you use a letting agent to manage your property, they will usually sort this for you (as they will with the redress scheme when that is implemented).

If you are a self-managed landlord though, the consequences of non-compliance are severe if you let a property to a tenant who is living in the UK illegally. You will be fined



up to £3,000. That same Sandford-on-Thames landlord popped into my office last week, and I checked all his paperwork ensuring he was on the right side of the law going forward – and I offer the same to any landlord in the Oxford area if you want me to cast my eye over your buy to let matters.

But what of all these extra properties being dumped onto the market in Oxford? When I looked at the records the number of proper-

ties on the market in Oxford now, as opposed to a year ago, the numbers tell an interesting story:

Overall, Oxford does match the national trend, with the number of properties on the market increasing by 15% in the last year. It was particularly interesting to see the number of flats increase by 51%, yet the number of detached on the market drop by 14%. However, completed transactions are down year on year by 12%.

Speaking with my team and other property professionals in the city, the majority of that movement in the number of properties and the types of properties on the market isn't down to landlords dumping their properties on the market. Instead the whole market has changed in the last 12 months, with the majority of the change in the number and type of properties for sale due to the owner-occupier market, not landlords. For the last ten years, each month there has been a small number of Oxford landlords who have been releasing monies from their Oxford buy to let properties – as is the nature of all investment.

Nationally, the number of rental properties coming on to the market to rent fell by 16% in Q4 2017 compared to Q4 2016, but that isn't because there are 16% less rental properties to rent – it's because tenants are staying in their rental properties longer meaning fewer are coming on the market for re-let.

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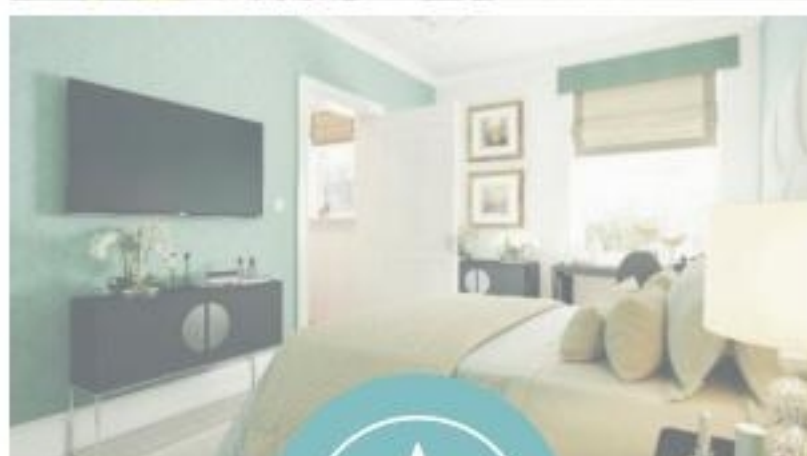
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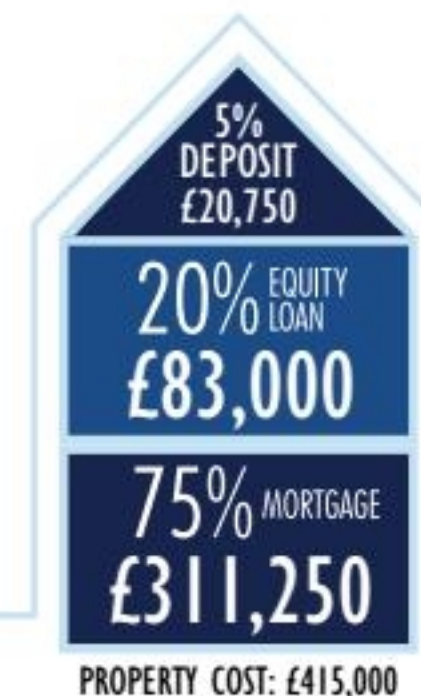
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SEAT Ibiza 1.0 TSI FR 95PS

New Ibiza sizzles with five-star fun

By **Tony Yates**

Firstly, I may have already told you this, but I have always loved the little Ibiza, mainly because not only did I used to own one in FR trim - but also because for me it's just a brilliant little hot hatch. There you go, review done!

Ok, not quite. Although, if you just happen to be looking for a great car that has everything thrown in for a decent price - then look no further than the Seat Ibiza FR.

So, let's quickly move on with this week's review of the newly updated Ibiza FR before I give up and decide to go out for a drive instead.

Power & efficiency

The Ibiza FR I currently have on test is powered by a 95PS, 1.0 TSI petrol engine with a 5-speed manual gearbox and a respectable top speed of around 113mph. It also has no less than 175Nm of torque, plus a 0-62 time of 10.9 seconds. Fuel consumption is also very good. Without going economy

crazy, I did manage a combined figure of around 50mpg.

On the road

I like the way the Ibiza handles - it feels well balanced, and so it should as its designed to be a proper little hot hatch. Also, when the road gets twisty it's more than capable of holding its own. The steering also feels light and agile. It's no exaggeration for me to say that I think the new Ibiza is a proper little racer.

Yes, 95PS is not a lot, but it feels fun to drive and it sticks firmly to the road ahead which has always been the case with the Ibiza. To be honest, I was a little worried that it may have lost some of its fun factors, but I needn't have worried - because it's just as much fun as it's always been.

Equipment, safety & technology

Inside: As with all Seat's, the interior is of a good standard - but, as I



have said many times, Seat is a part of VW group, so it will last till the end of time. The seating does feel a tad hard but it was in FR trim so it's a little sportier. But, saying that, even after

a long journey I still felt very relaxed. As for all the dials and switches - they are laid out very well and nothing looks awkwardly out of place or fussy.

Some of the standard equipment

on the FR trim includes; electronic traction control, front assist, drivers airbag, passengers airbag with de-activation switch, Isofix preparation, front and rear side curtain airbags, air conditioning, front electric windows with one-touch on two windows, power steering; electric speed-proportional, sports seats, sports suspension, twin exhaust pipes and cruise control.

Plus it doesn't stop there either - you also get; a DAB radio and a large 8" glass touchscreen to control Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and Mirror Link. There are of course loads more features, but I will let the salesman explain about that in even more detail.

To sum up

I'm going to give the Ibiza five stars in this test (which is rare for me and a first for 2018), not only because I like it a lot, but because I believe it's worth it. Next time you're out and about looking for a new sporty little hatch, try out the fantastic little Ibiza first. I promise you, its fun, fun, fun.

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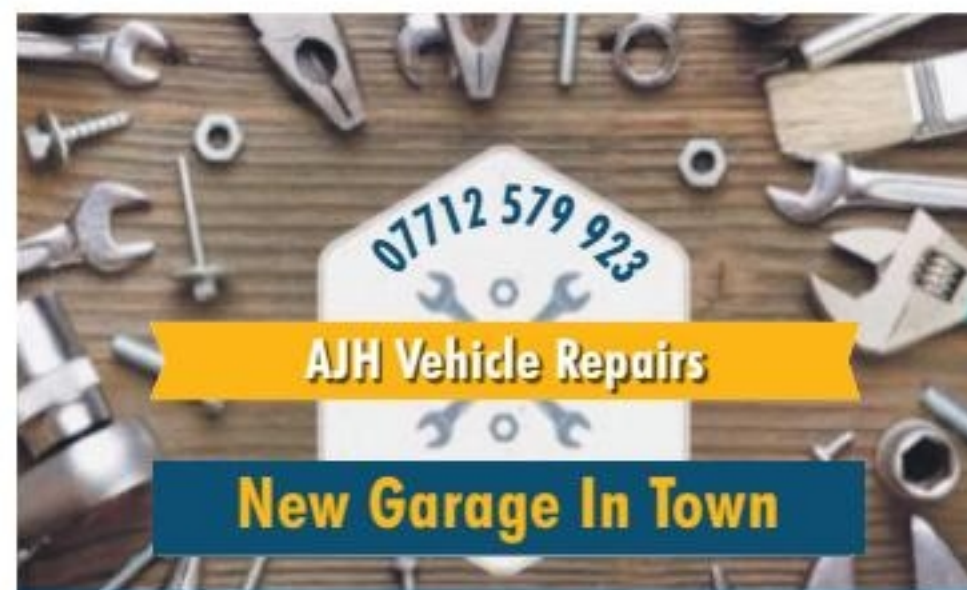
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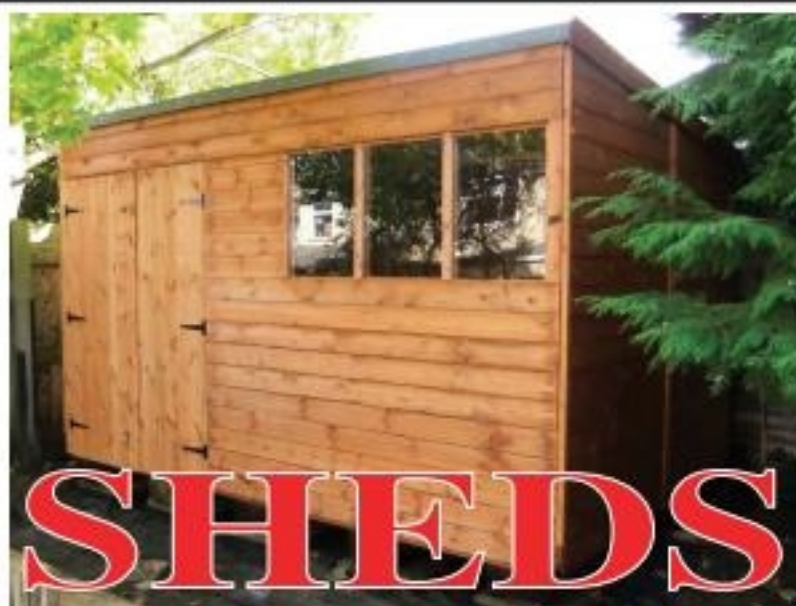
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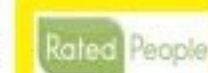
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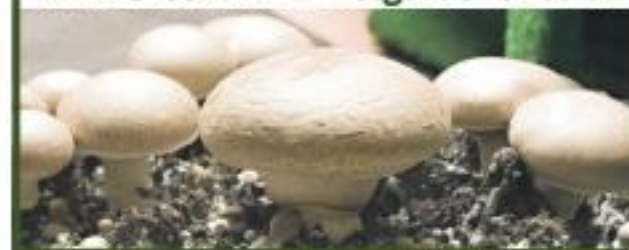
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Young drivers on the grid for Williams and Kubica reserve

By George Welch

F1 - Williams

RUSSIAN driver Sergey Sirotkin has pipped Robert Kubica to the final seat on the 2018 Formula One grid at Williams.

But Kubica has taken a significant step towards his ambition of making a return to the sport by taking on the role of reserve driver at the Grove based outfit.

Williams selected Sirotkin as a race driver to partner Canadian Lance Stroll after deciding the 22-year-old out-performed Kubica, 33, during tests last autumn.

Sirotkin said: "To say I'm happy and proud to join such a famous team like Williams is an understatement."

"It took a huge amount of work to get where I am, and I'm really happy and thankful to everyone involved."

Sirotkin's partnership with 19-year-old Stroll will form the least experienced line-up on the grid when the season starts on March 25 in Melbourne and Williams have received criticism for recruiting two



Lance Stroll, left, will be partnered by Sergey Sirotkin at Williams for the 2018 season, while Robert Kubica will be reserve driver for the Grove based team. Pictures: Williams Martini Racing

'pay drivers'.

Through the eyes of some, the pair, who are believed to have a budget of well over £10m each, owe their position to the amount of money they can bring to the team.

But Williams have emphasised the credentials of both drivers.

Chief technical officer Paddy Lowe said: "We have conducted a rigorous and exhaustive driver evaluation process. Ultimately, Sergey impressed

the team with his driving pace and talent, technical feedback and work ethic, both at the factory and trackside in Abu Dhabi.

"Lance will be going into his second season with us, after notable achievements in his rookie year."

Meanwhile, Kubica has been named as reserve driver – seven years after suffering a serious crash.

The Pole only has partial movement in his right arm as a consequence of



the injuries he suffered in a rally in Italy in February 2011.

The former BMW Sauber and Renault driver said: "I feel in the best physical shape that I have ever been, but it has taken a lot of work to get to where I am now, so I'd like to thank Williams for the opportunities they have given me so far."

"My ultimate goal is to race again in Formula One and this is another important step in that direction."

No disgrace in loss to champ

Darts

DETA Hedman will have to wait another year to try and win her first BDO world championship crown after losing in the semi-finals to Lisa Ashton, writes Adam Flinn.

The Oxfordshire county player was beaten two sets to nil by the eventual title winner, although it was a much closer match than the scoreline suggested.

Number one seed Hedman made a flying start to the game, checking out 118 in the first leg and following that up by taking the second.

It looked as if the Dark Destroyer would wrap up the first set without reply, but the 58-year-old missed doubles to clinch it and Ashton got her first leg on the board.

This woke up the reigning champion and she came back to win three legs on the spin to pinch the first set.

Hedman was faltering and lost the first two legs of the second set, leaving Ashton only one away from victory.

The match wasn't over yet though and Hedman found some form at the right time to level things up, hitting her first 180 of the evening along the way.

But needing to win the final leg to take the game into a third set, Hedman missed double top and Ashton cleared up from 25 to advance to the final and ultimately win the world championship for the fourth time.



Hopes dented by second lap crash in Marrakesh



Alex Lynn's chances were dashed by an early accident
Picture: DS Virgin Racing

Formula E

ALEX Lynn was left wondering what could have been after a second lap collision dented his chances of a high scoring finish at round three of Formula E in Marrakesh.

The Oxford based DS Virgin Racing driver brought his car home in ninth place to scoop two points, adding to his six points at the opening two rounds in Hong Kong last month.

This was despite a coming together with Audi driver Daniel Abt early on. Abt received a drive-through penalty – but Lynn's race was ruined.

After managing to recover to claim his ninth-placed finish, Lynn said: "This weekend promised a lot but

sadly we didn't come away with all the points we deserved. We were in the fight during the race but unfortunately it was ruined by another driver which put paid to what we should have scored."

Lynn's team-mate Sam Bird crossed the line for a handy 15 points.

Lynn is 13th in the driver standings on eight points, while Bird is second on 50 points, trailing four points behind pacesetter Felix Rosenqvist (Mahindra Racing).

Virgin are second in the driver standings on 58 points, 17 points behind leaders Mahindra.

The all-electric Formula E championship is next in action on February 3 at the inaugural Santiago E-Prix in Chile.

Eddie's ready to tee off 2018

Golf

FRILFORD Heath golfer Eddie Pepperell looks to continue his scintillating form from last year when he kicks off the 2018 season in Abu Dhabi today.

The 26-year-old from Abingdon begins his season at the HSBC Championship.

Pepperell said on his blog: "The field in Abu Dhabi this week is strong and it's going to be awesome teeing off on the opposite side of the course to the big guns."

"All seriousness aside though, it's worth taking a look to see where the field has gone down to."

"In 2013 when I was the 12th card from the Challenge Tour I ended up first reserve for Abu Dhabi and got into Dubai."

"Nobody from the Challenge Tour category is likely to play Abu Dhabi, Dubai or Malaysia this year."

"I don't know exactly why this is, but it's a bit of an issue for the Tour in my opinion."

Pepperell secured eight top-10 finishes and finished tied for 16th place at the US Open last year.

Pepperell tees off at 8am (4am GMT) with Ashun Wu and Alejandro Canizares.

Weightlifter hopes to shine in the Games on the Gold Coast

Weightlifting

DIDCOT weightlifter Ben Watson will be going for gold after being called up to Team England for April's Commonwealth Games in Australia.

The 18-strong Weightlifting and Para-Powerlifting squad will compete for 'team and country' when the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games get under way at the Carrara Sports and Leisure Centre from April 5.

The St Birinus Club weightlifter captained the England team when he took bronze at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Watson is now looking forward to getting out to Australia and competing having come back from a shin injury.

He said: "I am training hard to get myself in the strongest possible shape, so this announcement has come as a timely boost to my training."

British Weightlifting chief executive officer Ashley Metcalfe said: "Our squad is a real blend of new and experienced lifters, highlighting the true breadth and depth of talent currently available in England."

"It is hugely exciting and a great opportunity for all the squad to showcase their talents, all ahead of a home Games in 2022."

Team England will send around 600 athletes and staff to the Commonwealth Games in what will be England's largest ever team to represent the nation in an overseas sporting event.



Ben Watson is one of nine athletes on the team to have experienced a Commonwealth Games before

Sport

'We just weren't good enough'

By George Welch

Oxford City

A 'FUMING' Mark Jones held no punches as he pummelled his Oxford City players in the wake of an appalling 1-0 home defeat to bottom of the table Whitehawk.

The Hoops wasted the opportunity to put a 10-point cushion between themselves and the relegation zone as the Hawks, now on 11 points, picked up only their second win of the campaign.

Gold Omotayo's free kick for the visitors just before the hour was enough to secure an important three points in Whitehawk's great escape from relegation.

And Jones, as honest and open as ever, delivered a brutal post-match verdict, saying: "I'm absolutely fuming with that performance."

"We try to be positive as staff and we've praised the players a lot this year. We've had some good and low moments this year but that was an extremely low moment for us."

"Whitehawk have picked up recently but there's no excuses - that was a poor performance."

"We looked weak at times and it's a

poor, poor day for us. I'm struggling to find any positives. It wasn't good enough."

Jones questioned his players' quality and desire, although he did praise a "great" debut for goalkeeper Craig King, who was drafted in last week after Oxford United recalled Jack Stevens.

City fans were leaving long before the final whistle but the performance and result were difficult for Jones to digest too.

He said: "I've got to take responsibility and the way I'm feeling at the moment it's hard to look to the next game I'm that down. Perhaps we're just not quite good enough to produce consistent performances every week."

"I'm feeling very low and I'm a very disappointed guy."

Jones admitted the last two home performances - a 3-0 defeat against Gloucester City and the 1-0 loss to Whitehawk - have been nowhere near good enough.

It might be a blessing in disguise then that City, who have failed to find the back of the net in their last three matches at Court Place Farm, pay a visit to East Thurrock United (12th) on Saturday.



Christian Oxlade-Chamberlain goes on a run. Picture: Michael Allen

Railwaymen mark Ballard's anniversary by netting four

Evo Stik round-up

DIDCOT Town marked manager Andy Ballard's 100th game in charge with an emphatic 4-0 home win against Cirencester Town.

The Railwaymen are up to fifth and back in the Evo-Stik South West play-offs, with Saturday's win extending their unbeaten run to six matches.

It took the hosts just 70 seconds to go ahead after Brazilian striker Felipe Barcelos, playing against his former club, rounded Cirencester keeper Matuesz Wierczorek to fire into an empty net.

Diddy doubled their lead soon after as George Reid fired home into the top corner.

The visitors were unable to test the solid Didcot backline, despite having

the league's top scorer and former Town striker Ben Whitehead upfront.

Reid fired home for his second, and the hosts' third, to put the game to bed straight after the restart.

The icing was put on the cake in the last minute of the game when Barcelos notched his brace after being put through.

It was a less successful weekend for Kidlington, North Leigh and, in the

East division, Thame United.

A solitary Troy Simpson strike against the run of play was enough for Bristol Manor Farm to steal a 1-0 victory against Kidlington.

North Leigh lost 2-0 at Salisbury on Saturday and 3-1 at Cirencester on Tuesday.

Thame dropped two positions to 11th after losing 1-0 at home to Hayes & Yeading United.

Freds race to another win with four goals against Ascot

Hellenic round-up

A SECOND half rout helped Wantage Town to a second successive 4-0 win.

Having eased passed Lydney Town the previous week away from home, the Freds notched up another four goals, this time at home to Ascot United.

But it took until the away side were reduced to 10 men at the end of a goalless first half for the promotion hopefuls to get in front.

Dan Comer scored four minutes after the restart to get the Freds up and running.

Jack Dunmall (52 minutes) and Steve Robertson (56) made the points safe before the hour mark and Sam

Shepperd added extra gloss to the result with a 74th minute strike.

Elsewhere in the Hellenic Premier division, Abingdon United extended their winless run to five games with a 2-0 defeat at Tuffley Rovers. They took on league leaders Highworth Town last night.

Oxford City Nomads made it four wins on the bounce with a 3-1 victory

at Fairford Town on Saturday.

Sami Khawaja (57), Bradley Singh (69) and Kyreece Martei (88) bagged the second half goals for the development side.

But the winning streak was halted with a 3-2 home defeat to Flackwell Heath on Tuesday. Martei and Connor Mattimore found the target for City in the first half.

Stars shine brightly with 14-0 victory against Huskies

Ice hockey

ANOTHER one-sided triumph helped Oxford City Stars back to winning ways as they trounced Haringey Huskies 14-0 at home on Sunday.

Josh Florey netted a hat-trick while Michael Whillock, Theo Bundock, Conor Redmond, Kamil Kinkor and Joe Edwards contributed with braces.

Joshua Oliver added a goal of his own as the stars scored seven or more goals in a match for the 13th time this season.

The win was as convincing as it was desperately needed - Stars lost to their closest rivals Bracknell Hornets in their previous match meaning the

South2 title race could go to the wire.

With the exception of the Berkshire side, no other team has come close to the Stars this season and their quality was exemplified by another high-scoring affair at the weekend.

Kinkor, Florey, Bundock, Oliver and Whillock all scored in the opening 20 minutes for a 5-0 lead.

Kenny Redmond's side took their foot off the gas in the middle period as Florey celebrated his second and Conor Redmond opened his account for the afternoon.

Seven goals followed in the final period - including Florey's third - as a rampant Oxford eased to victory.

City travel to Swindon Wildcats II on Saturday.



Kamil Kinkor scored twice as Oxford City Stars ran riot against Haringey Huskies. Picture: Paul Foster

Vanarama National League South

Saturday 13 January
Oxford City 0-1 Whitehawk

Evo-Stik South Premier

Saturday 13 January
Bishop's Stortford 0-5 Banbury United
Tuesday 16 January
Redditch United 2-2 Banbury United

Evo-Stik South East

Saturday 13 January
Thame United 0-1 Hayes & Yeading United

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Fairford Town 1-3 Oxford City Nomads
Tuffley Rovers 2-0 Abingdon United
Wantage Town 4-0 Ascot United
Tuesday 16 January
Oxford City Nomads 2-3 Flackwell Heath
Wednesday 17 January
Highworth Town v Abingdon United
(result after going to press)

Injury time goal agony denies Puritans point

Banbury United

A LATE equaliser deep into stoppage time dashed Banbury United's hopes of moving to within a point of the Southern Premier League play-offs.

Stuart Fleetwood struck for Redditch United in the 92nd minute as Banbury failed to hold on to their 2-1 lead on Tuesday.

The Puritans had fought back from a goal down at half time to take the lead.

It looked as if United had done enough for the win after goals from Ricky Johnson (50 minutes) and Tom Bradbury (72) put the away side in control.

But Fleetwood's late diving header made sure the points were shared.

The draw followed Saturday's emphatic 5-0 win at Bishops Stortford.

The Puritans were 3-0 up within 32 minutes as Elliot Sandy (6 & 30) netted a brace and a Conor McDonagh (32) goal from close range put Mike Ford's side firmly in the ascendency.

Impressive Banbury were totally dominant and it was only a matter of time before the lead was stretched further.

The fourth goal duly arrived on 58 minutes when Luke Carnell converted from a corner.

Substitute Tom Winters drove home a powerful effort on 76 minutes to round off the comfortable win.

United host Basingstoke Town on Saturday.

Two new youngsters will be 'an excellent fit' for U's

By George Welch

YOUNG and hungry players are the flavour of the month for Oxford United boss Pep Clotet, who has added 21-year-old midfielder Cameron Brannagan and 19-year-old winger Isaac Buckley-Ricketts to his armoury.

The U's completed the double signing last week, with Brannagan signing for an undisclosed fee from Liverpool and Buckley-Ricketts joining on a loan deal from Manchester City until the end of the season.

The duo join 21-year-old centre back Rob Dickie, who signed from Reading for an undisclosed fee, in making the move to the Kassam Stadium.

Manchester-born Brannagan, who joins on a three and a half year deal, was at Anfield from the age of five and has made three senior appearances, as well as representing England at Under-18 and 20 levels.

The youngster played 14 times while on loan at Fleetwood Town last season as the Cod Army reached the League One play-offs.

Clotet described long-term target Brannagan as a player with "huge potential".

"He has excellent technique, a good understanding of the game and a real hunger to do well," he added.

"One thing I really liked when I spoke to him was his ambition to play and come here and show people what he can do.

"We believe that he will be an excellent fit for what we are building here."

Brannagan added that, while it was a struggle leaving his boyhood club after such a long time, Oxford's playing style was enough to tempt him away from Merseyside.



Cameron Brannagan has joined on a three and a half year deal from Liverpool, while Isaac Buckley-Ricketts is on loan to United until the end of the season from Manchester City. Pictures: OUFU



Joining Brannagan from the north west is Buckley-Ricketts.

The teenager, who made six appearances on loan at FC Twente earlier this term, can play out wide or through the middle.

He, like Brannagan, has represented England at youth level but, unlike Brannagan, was part

of the Under-19 side that won the European Championship in Georgia last summer.

Clotet described his newest addition as an 'exciting, fast and skilful' player.

None of Oxford's trio of signings played in Saturday's 2-1 defeat at Walsall, although Dickie was on the bench.



Jack Payne, replaced in the 68th minute, made his final Oxford United appearance in Saturday's 2-1 defeat at Walsall. Picture: Steve Daniels

Loan cut short as Payne joins Blackburn Rovers

CREATIVE midfielder Jack Payne has joined Blackburn Rovers after having his loan cut short by Huddersfield Town.

The playmaker joined Oxford United during the summer on a season-long loan deal, but the Premier League newbies activated a clause to recall the 23-year-old in the winter window.

Payne made 34 appearances for the U's, scoring seven goals.

His departure will be seen as a major setback for Oxford boss Pep Clotet, as Payne had established himself as a key member of his side at the Kassam.

Clotet said: "Jack has been a pleasure to work with. He has shown

a lot of love for the club and for his profession and has given us a lot of good memories.

"He is a very talented footballer and Oxford have shown once again that we can help players to progress. On behalf of the club we wish Jack well for the future."

Payne said the recall came "out of the blue" but that he had "loved my time at Oxford".

"The fans have been brilliant with me and I think it is a club that will continue to move forward. It has been fantastic to be a part of it," he added.

Payne joined League One rivals Blackburn on loan until the end of the season, a day after leaving Oxford.

Shake up at Shakers means rethink for Pep

PEP Clotet will have to re-evaluate his strategy ahead the visit of Bury at the weekend after the Greater Manchester side sacked their manager.

The Shakers, rooted to the foot of League One, sacked boss Chris Lucketti and his assistant Joe Parkinson on Monday.

The pair, only appointed in November following Lee Clark's departure, oversaw eight defeats in their 10 games in charge.

Bury picked up four points under Lucketti and have failed to score in their last eight league matches.

Lucketti's sacking means United face a Bury side on Saturday under different stewardship, with Ryan Lowe and Ryan Kidd put in temporary charge until the end of the season.

Bury prop up the table, 12 points from safety, and their convincing 3-0 win over Oxford in September is one of a mere four wins all campaign.

The Shakers have former U's

players Chris Maguire, Connor Ripley, Zeli Ismail, Phil Edwards and Joe Skarz in their ranks.

■ Fans can quiz Oxford United chairman Darryl Eales and Clotet when the club hosts a fans' forum in March.

The event will be held at Oxford City's Court Place Farm on Thursday, March 1.

Entrance is free and the bar will be open from 6.30pm, with the forum starting at 7pm.

Chelsea youngsters up next in Checkatrade

OXFORD United will face Premier League giants Chelsea's academy side in the quarter-final of the Checkatrade Trophy.

The sides will meet for the second year in a row when they clash at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday.

It follows an historic fixture last season when the pair played out the longest penalty shootout in English football history in November 2016.

The 1-1 draw that night was enough for the U's to progress from the

group stage, en route to another Wembley final appearance, although the already-eliminated Chelsea youngsters came out victorious in a 13-12 shootout win.

Pep Clotet's men will want to secure their passage into the last four within the 90 minutes however, unlike against Charlton Athletic in the last round earlier this month.

As we went to press the Blues were one of two academy sides remaining in this season's competition.

Leicester's academy side play Wednesday night.

Oxford have reached the EFL Trophy final in each of the past two seasons, losing to Barnsley in 2016 and then Coventry City a year later.

Prices for the Chelsea game are cut to £5 for adults and £3 for 65s and over and under 20s.

Fans are reminded that kick off is at 7.30pm and there won't be any tickets on sale at Stamford Bridge on the evening.

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4	Scunthorpe United	27	15	50
5	Bradford City	27	7	48
6	Charlton Athletic	27	2	43
7	Portsmouth	27	3	42
8	Rotherham United	27	9	41
9	Peterborough United	27	6	40
10	Oxford United	28	2	38
11	Fleetwood Town	27	-3	36
12	Doncaster Rovers	27	1	35
13	Plymouth Argyle	28	-5	35
14	Gillingham	27	-1	34
15	Walsall	26	-2	33
16	Blackpool	28	-4	33
17	Bristol Rovers	27	-7	33
18	Southend United	28	-15	31
19	MK Dons	27	-10	30
20	Oldham Athletic	28	-10	29
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Saddlers' keeper helps to stitch up U's efforts

By George Welch

Walsall 2

Amadou Bakayoko 33,
Erhun Oztumer 48

Oxford United 1

Alex Mowatt 70

Attendance: 4,569 (1,125 away)

A SUPERB goalkeeping performance from rookie Walsall goalkeeper Liam Roberts and some apathetic defending saw Oxford United suffer defeat for the first time in 2018.

Amadou Bakayoko and Erhun Oztumer goals in either half put the Saddlers firmly in control of this fixture, but it was the heroics of Roberts which earned the hosts a vital three points.

The home custodian developed a fine highlights reel as Joe Whitney's side took their chances – while 23-year-old Roberts ensured the U's didn't take theirs.

Alex Mowatt pulled a goal back 20 minutes from the end with a classy free kick, but this was another missed opportunity for United to develop some much-needed consistency if they are to keep up with the League One play-off pack.

The Yellows created chances a-plenty but departed the West Midlands with nothing to show for their efforts, leaving boss Pep Clotet with a familiar taste of frustration in his mouth.

Dozy defending on Oxford's part allowed Walsall to score their only real chances of the game and, while



Jon Obika has a shot saved by the legs of Walsall hero keeper Liam Roberts
Picture: Steve Daniels

the hosts' defence struggled with the power and pace of Jon Obika, the home stopper was an imperious brick wall.

Roberts thwarted Obika and his strike partner Wes Thomas and, most impressively, tipped a James Henry 25-yard thunderbolt over the bar.

But in customary Clotet fashion, the Spaniard, although appreciative of Roberts' man of the match

performance, praised his players' performance.

"I have to value the performance of the Walsall team because they had a keeper who was man of the match," the 40-year-old said.

"I think we deserved more for our performance but we got what we got because we weren't ruthless enough in both boxes.

"We managed to create many

chances and dominate the game and when you do that and play in the opposition half but go home losing 2-1 despite causing the opposition a lot of problems you need to be worried."

He added: "I thought we controlled things on the right, on the left and in the middle and created clear chances – shots, one on ones with the keeper, a lot of crosses – but unfortunately we didn't score."

Mowatt: We need to make goalscoring chances count

ATTACKING midfielder Alex Mowatt was left ruing Oxford United's inconsistent form as the League One play-off hopefuls squandered a golden opportunity to build on their winning start to the year.

The 22-year-old fired in a quality free kick to halve the deficit in the 70th minute of Saturday's 2-1 defeat at lowly Walsall.

United enjoyed the lion's share of possession and the better chances – so much so that Mowatt believed the U's would kick on and win the game.

"We're disappointed with the result. We think we should have won – we had enough chances to comfortably win the game," the Leeds United loanee said.

"Once we got the first goal I thought we would go on to win the game with the amount of pressure we put on and the chances we had.

"We should have gone in two or three up in the first half but we didn't do that so we were always fighting an uphill battle.

"The goalkeeper was good today but the chances we had we should be scoring. It just wasn't our day in front of goal."

Mowatt, who could enjoy more starts in the second half of the season following Jack Payne's departure (see inside), has scored three goals – which have all come away from home – in Oxford colours.

The playmaker will continue his hunt for a Kassam goal as Oxford look to return to winning ways at home to Bury on Saturday.

The U's then travel to Stamford Bridge to take on Chelsea's academy side on Tuesday in the Checktrade Trophy.

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